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Tory federal budget delays tough decisions

Federal **Budget**

Hard decisions on wrestling a monstrous deficit have been punted one year down the road by a Conservative budget that promises dramatic future cuts, but leaves the punishing ground game for later.

Total federal spending in 2010-11, including debt charges, will hit $280.5 billion — up almost $13 billion over the fiscal year that ends March 31. Program spending is projected to plunge almost $8 billion in 2011-12 before rebounding slightly the following year.

"We can see our destination on the horizon," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty told the House of Commons, conjuring images of a future flat line.

The budget forecasts a deficit of $53.8 billion this year, down slightly from the most recent $56-billion projection, and red ink totalling $49.2 billion in 2010-11.

Flaherty says deficits will plunge dramatically after that, falling to a modest $1.8-billion budgetary shortfall in 2014-15. But by then, the total federal debt is projected to hit $622 billion — up $136 billion from the $486 billion on the books when Harper took power in 2006.

Flaherty said there are fewer new spending measures in the document than in any federal budget in the last decade.

One thing Flaherty need not worry about is the minority Conservative government's defeat over his budget. Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said he doesn't support the spending plan, but also won't force a spring election over it.

Public opinion polls that gave the Conservatives a wide lead last fall after Ignatieff vowed to bring down the government have since narrowed, putting the Liberals and Tories in a dead heat or giving the Conservatives a small lead.

The polls suggest another Conservative minority, or possibly a Liberal minority — an outcome that suits neither Harper nor his opponents.

That helped produce a budget that's politically cautious, and independent analysts were unusually cautious in their assessment of it.

"It's hard to give this budget a grade now because you can't really grade it until you see if they can actually do it," said Kevin Dancey, president of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and a former senior Finance Department bureaucrat.

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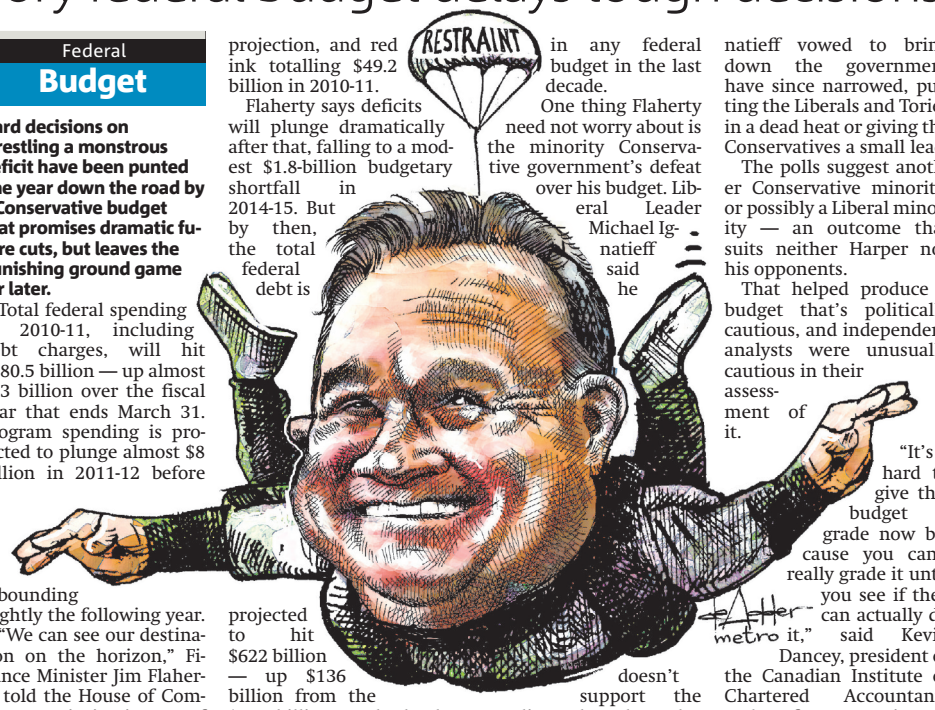

Highlights from Thursday's Conservative federal budget

- Total spending of $280.5 billion, up $12.8 billion over last year.
- Deficit of $49.2 billion.
- Total debt rises to $566.7 billion.
- Basic personal income-tax exemption (the amount you can earn before paying any taxes) for 2010 rises to $10,382.
- $3.2 billion in personal income-tax relief, largely through raising the basic personal tax exemption and higher child benefits for parents.
- Plan to reduce the deficit to $1.8 billion by 2014-15, largely by ending stimulus funding next year and restraining program spending.
- $7.7 billion in stimulus money for infrastructure.
- $4 billion for extra EI benefits and training.
- Freeze on EI premium rate (paid by workers and employers) until the end of 2010.

Budget quotables

"Listen, this is a very tough budget. Some very difficult decisions have been made. Most of the answers to requests for funding were 'No.' "
Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

"This is an international embarrassment in a year when Canada hosts the world, the G8 and the G20."
Gauri Sreenivasan of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation, citing foreign-aid limits in the budget

"The key thing is that Canadians are saying to me ... give us an alternative. When Canadians can see a clear choice between cuts and freezes and gimmicks and an alternative that gets this economy going — really meets the challenges of jobs and growth — then maybe we'll have an election."
Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff

"After taking more than two months to recalibrate, this budget is nothing short of pathetic."
Canadian Auto Workers president Ken Lewenza

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Military dodges budget's axe

But Ottawa warns cuts to the Forces will total $2.5B in coming years

Federal
Budget

The Canadian military dodged a bullet in Thursday's federal budget, but will still see a total of $2.5 billion carved out of future defence spending after troops withdraw from Afghanistan next year.

Funding will remain largely stable in the current year, but the Conservative government plans to take away $525 million in planned increases in 2012-13, $1 billion in 2013-14 and another $1 billion the following year.

With Ottawa facing an estimated $53-billion deficit this year and $49 billion next year, there have been calls by social welfare groups for cuts to defence spending.

The military's budget has increased by $3 billion annually since the Tories came to power four years ago. It is expected to crest above $20 billion this year.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said restraining defence spending is one pillar in his government's strategy to cut $17.6 billion from the federal budget over the next few years.

Thursday's budget raises questions about whether the Harper government will be able to deliver planned big-ticket purchases, including new naval supply ships, search-and-rescue planes, and armoured vehicles to replace those worn out by the Afghan war.

"We do not know right now if there will be an impact on those major capital projects," said Vice-Admiral Denis Rouleau, second-in-command for the military.

"We're certainly hoping to be able to move forward."

Just 18 months ago, Defence Minister Peter MacKay drew up a list of equipment the Conservatives planned to buy, and pledged to modernize the military, which he said had been starved under Liberals.

And just as restraint kicks in, the military will be facing some of its most expensive purchases, including replacements for the almost 30-year-old CF-18 jetfighters and the navy's command-and-control destroyers.

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Policy reversal

- A year-and-a-half ago, the Conservatives released a defence strategy which pledged the military could rely on stable, predictable budget increases. The plan was to hike defence spending by 1.5 per cent until 2011 and then by two per cent every year, starting in 2012.

Wishing the deficit away

BUDGET Call it the cross-your-fingers deficit elimination plan.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's plan to largely get rid of the deficit in five years depends on uninterrupted economic growth and lays out targets for spending restraint without detailing how to hit them.

And Flaherty still has yet to project a balanced budget — a notable omission for a Conservative government that has prided itself on sound economic management.

The plan outlined in Thursday's budget calls for a deficit of $1.8 billion in the final year of the projection period — 2014-15 — by which time Ottawa will have added $158 billion to the national debt.

But as if channelling former Liberal finance minister Paul Martin's "come hell or high water" declaration of war on the deficit in the 1990s, Flaherty insisted the country will return to surplus, just beyond the budget's horizon — in 2015-16.

"If the economy did not grow as anticipated by the private sector economists, we could do more if we had to," he said. "But we are getting to balance, we are committed to returning to surpluses. This government will return to balanced budgets."

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Citizen action **Snapping speeders**

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Leaside resident Jennifer Long has started a website with pictures to chronicle the accidents on Eglinton Avenue east of Bayview Avenue. Long says the City and police should ramp up enforcement of speeders as there are too many accidents in the area.

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Trio suffer smoke inhalation after stove-top fire

A pot on the stove that caught fire yesterday morning in a ground-floor Toronto apartment on Sentinel Road, near Finch Avenue, has put three people in hospital. The residents suffered minor smoke inhalation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Survivorman fan found dead

Man succumbs, apparently of hypothermia, in bush camp

An outdoors enthusiast and avid fan of TV's Survivorman who apparently succumbed to the cold during an excursion into the Ontario bush loved the survivalist challenge but was not rash, those close to him said Thursday.

One friend, Barbara Ellis, said Richard Code's hobby might have been a response to an arthritic condition and chronic fatigue syndrome that often laid him up for days at a time.

"He just loved the challenge," said Ellis, who said Code was like a son to her.

Provincial police found Code, 41, northeast of Huntsville, Ont., on Wednesday.

He had left his Toronto home early last Thursday for what was to be a four-day excursion into the bush, hitchhiking to his camp even though he had money for the bus.

While autopsy results were not known, police told his brother in Kitchener that it appeared Code died of hypothermia.

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This is an undated family handout of Stephen Code, a Survivorman enthusiast who died during a trip into the southern Ontario bush, and his father, Mel.

Ellis said Code tried to program himself for cold weather, refusing to wear a parka. He did have several layers of clothing on his trip, including a hat, gloves and hiking boots.

Sister-in-law Barb Code said he had previously made about several excursions, including one in November, when there was a light dusting of snow on the ground.

However, this was his first in the dead of winter. Temperatures fell to –12 C at night in the area and snowstorms hit much of southern Ontario during the weekend.

"It was sort of a challenge — an adventure in seeing how little he could survive on and being successful at doing that," Code said.

"(But) he just didn't have what he needed to survive in cold temperatures."

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Inquiry concerned with mayor's lack of records

MISSISSAUGA A judicial inquiry in Mississauga has run into one of its first roadblocks — the apparently skimpy record-keeping of the mayor of the GTA's second-largest city.

William McDowell, lawyer for inquiry head Justice J. Douglas Cunningham, expressed concern at a hearing Thursday that documents expected from Mayor Hazel McCallion's office weren't forthcoming.

It appears that McCallion, 88, who has said she'll run again this year if her health permits, is not in the habit of retaining documents. The mayor's office said that once emails are provided to the mayor for reading, they are deleted by her executive assistant, who "does not keep copies of any electronic emails."

The inquiry was also told that McCallion does not keep a record of her daily agenda.

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Lauper set for Pride Week gig

CONCERT Grammy award-winning singer Cyndi Lauper will perform a free concert during Toronto's 30th annual Pride Week.

The July 3 concert will be staged at Queen's Park, the site of the Ontario legislature.

Lauper, who broke on the scene with the 1983 single Girls Just Want To Have Fun, is working on her newest studio album which is scheduled for release in June.

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Cyndi Lauper

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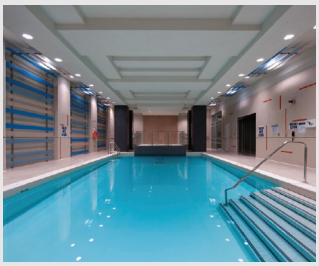

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CSA facing layoffs

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Reporters rain paper on provincial politicians

What's believed to have been the longest legislative session in Ontario's history ended Thursday with another rare event — a paper fight.

Reporters who cover the legislature marked prorogation by throwing hundreds of papers over the edge of the gallery to the floor of the chamber.

There were no casualties, but Speaker Steve Peters — who was tipped off — took the extra precaution of donning a hard hat before a deluge of documents rained down on his head.

"I had an opportunity to speak to the pages, and there were no paper cuts administered today." Steve Peters, speaker

"I had an opportunity to speak to the pages, and there were no paper cuts administered today," he joked.

The so-called "paper slide" is a longstanding tradition in legislatures across the country, but it's become a very unusual sighting these days.

They're rare because governments tend to prorogue when elected members aren't sitting — leaving reporters without a target.

In Ontario, papers are tossed only after the lieutenant-governor delivers a prorogation speech.

Unfortunately, a few years ago, reporters neglected to warn the lieutenant-governor, who was "taken astride" by the sudden onslaught of paper, Peters said.

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No serious injuries as car rolls off 401

CRASH Police say no one was hurt after a three-vehicle collision caused a car to plunge off a highway ramp in Toronto, landing on the road below.

Const. Julia McCuaig of Ontario Provincial Police said the details are still unclear.

But it appears that three vehicles crashed near a ramp on the eastbound Highway 401 just before midnight Wednesday.

One of the vehicles fell off the ramp and landed on Eglinton Avenue West below. The car landed on its side and firefighters had to push it upright.

The road was closed for a short time.

Three people had minor injuries and were transported to hospital as a precaution.

"We're still investigating the cause," said McCuaig. "For some reason (the vehicle) left the ramp area and went on its side on Eglinton."

McCuaig said it is too early to determine whether charges will be laid.

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Bay to host benefit for abused women

CHARITY On March 21, in partnership with The Bay Queen Street, Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's Sisterhood Women Of The World will host a fashion show and gala in the Arcadian Room, featuring collections and designs exclusive to The Bay.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to ASTEH, a community-based kosher housing facility available to abused Jewish women and their children.

Keynote speaker is Judy Feld Carr. Kosher catering will be provided and items valued at more than $4,000 will be raffled. The Bay is offering 15 per cent discount off everything in the store on the night of this event. Tickets are $50. Call 905-886-0420, ext. 227.

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School named after wrestler

No smackdowns allowed at this school — even though it is named after a professional wrestler. Tiger Jeet Singh Public School got the stamp of approval from Halton trustees as the choice for a new elementary set to open in September, beating out three other choices. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Scarborough 'mathletes' place in top 40 in global competition

EDUCATION Two Scarborough math whizzes have placed in the top 40 in the world after an intense, two-day online competition.

Omar Afzalzada, a Grade 2 student, placed 31st in the World Maths Day competition. and Rafsan Kabir, in Grade 7, placed 39th.

"The attitude of our children is so positive towards math," said Michelle Mayers, principal at St. Margaret's Public School, which both boys attend.

"They are very happy and excited and want to know when it's happening again."

About 120 of 380 students at the school, near Lawrence Avenue East and Kingston Road, took part in the math competition and are also members of the school's math league.

The World Maths Day competition has children complete up to 500, 60-second grade-appropriate math quizzes, and kids are ranked by number of questions answered as well as accuracy.

More than three errors in any quiz, and the student is disqualified.

Two million students from 37,000 schools in 200 countries took part this year.

As of Thursday, more than 524 million questions had been answered correctly. With this competition over, the St. Margaret's Public School "mathletes" turn their sights on another one in early April, in a test run by the University of Waterloo

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Adam Gharavi, one of the owners of Indoor Jungle, shows two of the valuable fish (Queen Angel, foreground, and Black Lion) that were killed after several of the store's storage tanks were contaminated with chlorine Wednesday, killing several hundred fish.

Vandal suspected in deaths of exotic fish

The first indication that something was wrong was the smell of bleach.

By the time employees of the exotic fish store reached the wall of 70 tanks, hundreds of fish, including small sharks and rare shrimp, were dead.

"It smelled like a public pool," said Adam Ghavari, co-owner of Indoor Jungle at 1285 Kennedy Rd.

"And for the rest of the day, the fish kept dying and there was nothing we could do. We watched our money go down the drain."

Ghavari said he is certain it wasn't an equipment malfunction and believes a chemical or bleach was poured into the central system, which filters and heats 400 tanks holding more than 5,000 fish.

He said the vandal, who attacked Wednesday afternoon, went for the store's most expensive fish and 200 pieces of rare coral.

Small bamboo sharks, lion fish and hundreds of rare shrimps were among the 700 exotic fish killed, along with endangered corals imported from Australia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Caribbean.

"We know whoever did this had some knowledge of how fish tanks work and what the fish need to survive," Ghavari said.

He estimated the damage in the tens of thousands of dollars.

"That wall was the first to go, but they weren't trying to kill just a few tanks."

Customers alerted store employees at about 1 p.m. about a strong smell of bleach coming from the tanks. Ghavari said the store had thriving business since it opened five months ago in a competitive neighbourhood.

It is one of about a dozen fish stores along Kennedy Road between Steeles Avenue East and Eglinton Avenue East, but Ghavari said his location is "bigger than other stores in space and the amount of fish we have is so much more."

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Sudbury workers to lose jobs as grocery centre closes

More than 100 employees at the National Grocers distribution centre in Sudbury will soon be out of work. The company plans to close operations there by the end of April and consolidate distribution and inventory in four locations in southern Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Top court clips Angels' wings

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear a constitutional challenge from two former Hells Angels. An appeal court last year upheld the convictions of Steven Lindsay and Raymond Bonner for committing extortion "in association with" a criminal organization. The were the first people convicted under a 2002 anti-gang law.

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The budget losers

Federal
Budget

It may have been thumbs-up for Stephen Harper and Jim Flaherty, but it was thumbs-down for four of their files.

The environment, the arts, poverty and international initiatives got short shrift in Thursday's budget.

• **Environment:** Watchdog Équiterre's Stephen Guilbeault is crying false advertising.

Although Wednesday's throne speech boasted a commitment to climate change, there are few budget measures directly related to it.

"Climate change is mentioned three times in the throne speech," said Guilbeault. "Nowhere is that commitment mentioned in the budget."

Guilbeault added: "I thought last year we'd hit rock bottom. I think I was wrong."

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, left, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper are all smiles Thursday.

• **International:** A Harper promise to focus international aid efforts on maternal and child health is not matched with extra aid funding.

• **Arts:** There is not a single mention of the arts in either the throne speech or the budget.

TV networks who might have hoped for help with next year's transition to digital broadcasts might have to wait until the federal regulator finishes a series of studies.

"I thought ... we'd hit rock bottom. I think I was wrong."
Stephen Guilbeault

• **Poverty:** There are few measures in the budget to help the poor.

Single parents will get a tax break that allows them to keep more of the $100 cheque they receive every month for each child under six. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Golden! Athletes win $17M bonus

CHAMPS Our elite summer and winter athletes got gold in Thursday's budget.

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The Own the Podium organization will see its core annual federal funding doubled to $22 million.

Road to Excellence, which supports summer athletes, will see another $6 million annually tacked on to its current federal contribution of $36 million.

"Let us savour the achievements of our Canadian Olympic champions," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said.

"Let us look forward to the achievements of our Paralympic champions in the days to come.

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"Let us savour the achievements of our ... Olympic champions."
Jim Flaherty

News in brief

NIPPED Jim Flaherty is cutting tax deductions for most cosmetic surgery. Boob and nose jobs, liposuction and botox, hair replacements and teeth whitening are no longer eligible for a medical tax credit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quebec Women's Federation upset over free-implant contest

The Quebec Women's Federation is upset by a contest being organized by one of the province's strip clubs. It's asking the Quebec City bar to cancel the promotion for free breast implants. On May 23, the contest winner will be offered free surgery worth up to $7,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rochette says bye to mom

Olympic figure skater joined by hundreds at Quebec funeral

An Olympic hero placed a medal on her mother's casket and bid farewell Thursday to the woman she called her best friend.

Joannie Rochette momentarily placed her figure skating bronze on the coffin during the funeral for Therese Rochette.

The woman who melted hearts around the world by delivering the medal-winning performance in Vancouver last week amid her grief struggled through the painful final step of saying goodbye to her mom.

Rochette's voice quivered and her eyes filled with tears as she paused several times to keep her composure while delivering a eulogy.

She chose to focus the speech on the positive things her mom accomplished in life, rather than the pain caused by her sudden death.

"I'm happy today because we're celebrating the life of my mother Therese — a short life but an intense one," Rochette said.

"She taught me how to be brave ... She was always there for me."

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Canadian figure skater Joannie Rochette attends the funeral of her monther Therese Rochette Thursday in Berthierville, Que. Therese Rochette died of a massive heart attack two weeks ago.

Hundreds of people packed the small-town church in Berthierville, Que., to pay their final respects to Rochette, who died of a massive heart attack at age 55.

She died in Vancouver about two weeks ago, shortly after arriving to watch her daughter compete at the Winter Olympics.

Joannie Rochette, 24, competed in the skating short program just three days after the death and then clinched the bronze medal two nights later.

She was chosen to carry the Canadian flag at the Olympics' closing ceremonies.

Rochette has said she drew inspiration from many people around the world who rallied around her during a trying time.

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Voters head to polls in two eastern Ontario byelections

POLITICS Experts say the Ontario byelections in the rural riding of Leeds-Grenville and the suburban riding of Ottawa West-Nepean held Thursday are unlikely to change the face of the provincial legislature.

Voters in Leeds-Grenville were choosing a replacement to fill the seat previously held for 29 years by Progressive Conservative Bob Runciman, who is now a Conservative senator.

The Ottawa West-Nepean byelection was called after Liberal Jim Watson stepped down last month to run for the job of Ottawa mayor.

Liberal Bob Chiarelli was running against Tory candidate Beth Graham, school trustee Pam FitzGerald of the New Democrats and Mark MacKenzie of the Green party in Ottawa West-Nepean.

Former Brockville mayor Steve Clark faced off for the Progressive Conservatives against Liberal Stephen Mazurek, New Democrat Steve Armstrong and the Green party's Neil Kudrinko in Leeds-Grenville.

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News in brief

GAY RIGHTS Canada's immigration minister says he takes "full responsibility" for a citizenship study guide that had all references to gay rights removed. But Jason Kenney's response to questions in the House of Commons Thursday shed no light on who ordered the material cut from the document — whether it was the minister himself or an aide in his office.

PLANE CRASH Transport Canada is investigating after a small plane crashed at London International Airport in southwestern Ontario Wednesday night. The twin-engine plane was on a flight training session when it went down just short of the runway as it was coming in to land around 8 p.m. The two men on board were not injured. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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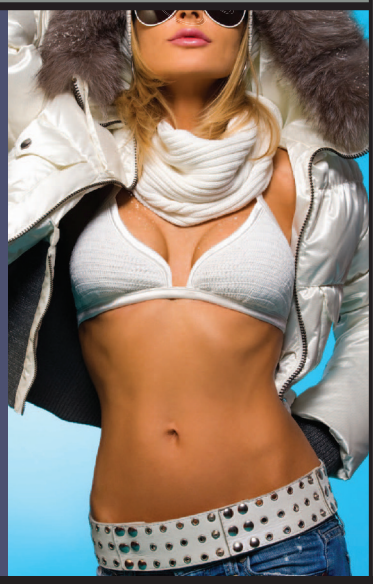

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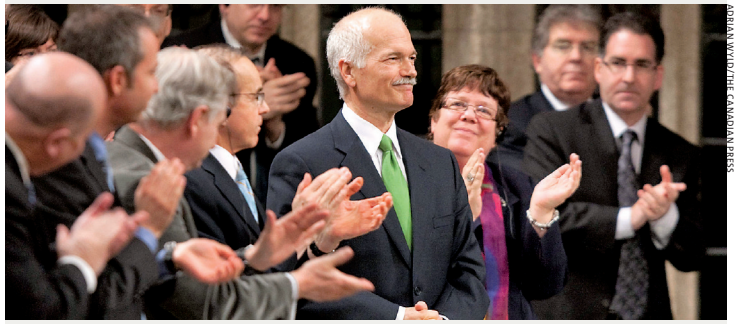

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NDP Leader Jack Layton receives a standing ovation from MPs during Question Period in the House of Commons on Thursday. It was Layton's first appearance in the chamber since announcing he has prostate cancer. He has vowed to beat it.

New plea over assault

The Ontario government is seeking leave to appeal the "manifestly unfit" sentence for a man involved in a racially motivated assault on Asian-Canadian anglers.

Trevor Middleton, 26, of Sutton, Ont., was sentenced last month to two years less a day, plus a 10-year driving ban.

The Crown had asked for a sentence of eight to 10 years for an attack in 2007 that left another young man with permanent brain injuries.

The province says the sentence was "manifestly unfit" considering the racially motivated nature of the offence and the severe consequences.

Anglers of Asian background had been complaining of being hassled.

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Anglers attacked

- In 2007, Middleton and some friends pushed a group of Asian fishermen off a dock into Lake Scugog, the court heard.
- One of Middleton's group was severely beaten and a high-speed chase ended in a crash, leaving one of the fishermen with permanent brain damage.

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Censorship dictated by lawyers: PM

Harper refuses to submit all uncensored detainee docs

Stephen Harper says it's up to government lawyers — not him — to decide what potentially explosive information is released about the possible torture of enemy prisoners in Afghanistan.

During the first question period of the new parliamentary session Thursday, the prime minister faced a barrage of demands to turn over all uncensored documents related to the detainee controversy.

Harper rejected those demands, setting the stage for a potential constitutional crisis over the privileges of Parliament.

A Liberal MP is planning to introduce a motion, as early as Friday, asking fellow MPs to find the government in contempt of Parliament. The motion would also authorize parliamentary officers to seize all documents pertaining to the question of whether enemy prisoners taken by Canadian soldiers were tortured by Afghan authorities.

Harper shrugged off opposition accusations that he shut down Parliament for almost three months strictly to avoid coming clean on the detainee issue.

Harper said "tens of thousands of pages" of documents have already been released and they demonstrate that Canadian soldiers conducted themselves "admirably."

Most of those documents were heavily censored but Harper said, "The decision of redacting or not redacting documents rests with government lawyers who do that according to the law."

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Prorogation

- Both Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and NDP Leader Jack Layton urged Prime Minister Stephen Harper Thursday to agree to at least study the idea of limiting the "outdated" prime ministerial power to prorogue. Harper said he has no intention of reining in his power to prorogue when it suits him.

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American Gen. David Petraeus speaks to the Conference of Defence Associations Institute Thursday in Ottawa.

Tough fighting lies ahead in Afghan war, says U.S. general

OTTAWA A senior U.S. soldier says the war in Afghanistan will get harder before it gets easier.

Gen. David Petraeus of the U.S. Central Command told a defence conference Thursday an enormous amount of difficult work and tough fighting lies ahead in the 8½-year-old war.

The security of Afghanistan has deteriorated in recent years as the Taliban regrouped to wage violence against coalition forces.

Petraeus said the coalition has put in place everything it needs to mount an effective counter-insurgency.

The United States is bolstering its presence in Afghanistan as Canada prepares to end its combat role.

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World

Clinton advocates for Latin America

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is promoting democratic and social reforms in Latin America, where many nations have troubled political histories and uneven democratic performance. At a meeting Thursday of top officials from 15 countries including Canada, Clinton pressed nations in the Western Hemisphere to restore full relations with Honduras. A democratic election in November ended a political crisis resulting from a coup five months earlier. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Men banned from styling women's hair

Gaza's Islamic Hamas government on Thursday banned men from working in women's hair salons, the latest step in its campaign to impose strict Islamic customs on Gaza's 1.5 million people.

Since seizing Gaza in 2007, Hamas has taken steps in that direction while avoiding a frontal assault on secularism. The majority of Gaza residents are conservative Muslims, but Hamas is under growing pressure from more radical groups to prove its fundamentalist credentials by imposing ever harsher edicts.

The latest measure irked one of the victims of the ban.

"Next thing you know, they will ban doctors from treating women, and will only let women treat women," said Barakat al-Ghoul, a 44-year-old hairdresser. "Tomorrow, they will ban everything."

Al-Ghoul, who has cut women's hair for 26 years, said a ban would be devastating. He said he has no other way of making a living.

Islamic tradition forbids women from showing their hair to men who are not their husbands or blood relatives. Until now, though, exceptions were made for the eight known male hairdressers in women's salons in Gaza City.

Since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, small ultra-radical Islamic groups have sprung up. Known as Jihadi Salafis, they advocate holy war and a strict, fundamentalist brand of Islam, dismissing Hamas as too pragmatic.

They are suspected in dozens of bombings of Internet cafes, music stores and other alleged purveyors of vice. All cinemas and bars closed years ago.

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Violence mars advance polls in Iraq

BAGHDAD A string of deadly blasts shattered an early round of voting in Iraq Thursday, killing 17 people and highlighting the fragile nature of the country's security gains ahead of crucial parliamentary elections this Sunday.

Iraq security forces were out in full force, trying to protect early voters in an election that will determine who will lead the country through the crucial period of the U.S. troop drawdown and help decide whether the country can overcome its deep sectarian divisions.

But three explosions — a rocket attack and two suicide bombings— showed the ability of insurgents to carry out bloody attacks. They have promised to disrupt the voting with violence.

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Hospital patient Zahra Hammadi displays her inked finger after casting her early vote in Sadr City, Iraq, Thursday.

"Terrorists wanted to hamper the elections, thus they started to blow themselves up in the streets," said Deputy Interior Minister Ayden Khalid Qader, responsible for election-related security across the country. Thursday's voting was for those who might not be able to get to the polls Sunday. The vast majority of early voters were the Iraqi police and military who will be working election day.

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Relatives take part in a memorial service for fallen Canadian soldiers at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan on Thursday.

Families see where soldiers died

AFGHANISTAN Christine Plamondon wanted to see where her boyfriend spent his final days.

Trooper Jack Bouthillier had only been away for a short while when a roadside bomb took his life, and they hadn't talked much about what it was like to be on the base.

"It was important for me to come here just to be in Jack's shoes in his last moments," Plamondon said Thursday. "To feel what he felt, to smell what he smelled. To know what the guys do over here, because we didn't have a big chance to talk about it since he was only here for three weeks."

Plamondon joined Bouthillier's father, Raynald, and the families of five other soldiers killed during the Afghan mission Thursday at a special ceremony held at Kandahar Airfield.

The ceremony honoured Bouthillier, Cpl. Christian Bobbitt, Maj. Yannick Pepin, Cpl. Jean-Francois Drouin, Pte. Alexandre Peloquin and Cpl. Martin Joannette.

It was a chance for the families to see where their sons and husbands lived and worked, a glimpse at the country they'd heard so much about in the emails and phone calls home.

"I was unable to talk with him and to know a lot about what was going on around here," Raynald Bouthillier said.

"When I knew I had the privilege to come here, I took it right away because I think that way I'm going to be able to see where he was in his last moments and what they were doing there. For me it was very important to be able to come here. Everything helps, I think. Everything helps."

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"Time to talk"

- The head of the UN mission in Afghanistan said Thursday that it's "high time" a political solution is found with the Taliban to resolve the more than eight-year-old conflict. "It's time to talk," Kai Eide said.

News in brief

ATHENS Greece raised badly needed cash with a bond issue Thursday, passing a key test of its ability to avoid a disastrous debt default and dig out of a financial crisis that has shaken the European Union. The bond was oversubscribed – meaning demand exceeded availability – within an hour of opening, with $9.5 billion US in offers received. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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UN chief to visit Chile
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is heading to Chile to demonstrate the United Nation's commitment to assist the government and victims of Sunday's massive earthquake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family of 9 flees Haiti, caught in Chile quake

The Desarmes family left their native Haiti two weeks after the devastating Jan. 12 earthquake, joining the eldest son in Chile for what seemed a refuge from the fear and chaos of Port-au-Prince.

Their sense of security lasted barely a month. It was shattered at 3:43 a.m. Saturday when one of the most powerful quakes on record shook a swath of Chile.

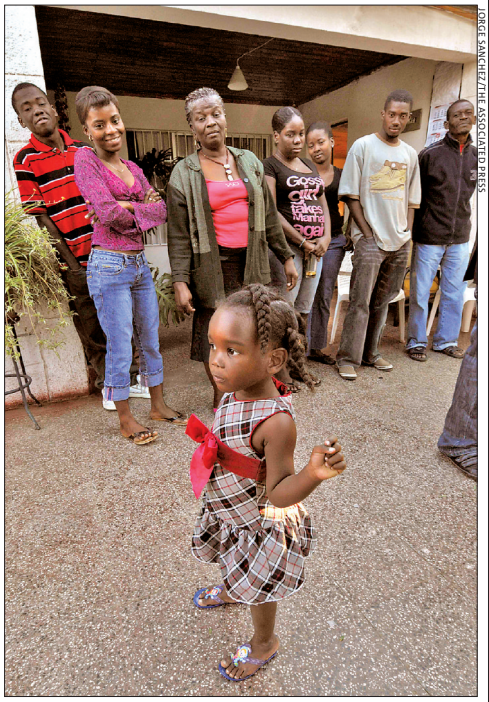
All the Desarmes' immediate family survived both quakes. But twice cursed, the family now sleeps in the garden of a home that the eldest son, Pierre Desarmes, found for them just south of the Chilean capital of Santiago. They fear yet another temblor will strike.

"My God, I left my country and I didn't die, but I'm going to die here!"
Seraphin Philomene

"I left my country and came here because of an earthquake," Seraphin Philomene, a 21-year-old student and cousin of Desarmes, said Wednesday. "And here, the same thing!"

"My God, I left my country and I didn't die, but I'm going to die here!"

Pierre Desarmes, 34, managed to get his family out of Haiti thanks to personal contacts at the Chilean Embassy in Port-au-Prince and the Chilean armed forces. Nine members of his family — his parents, two brothers and their families, and three cousins — arrived in Santiago on a Chilean air force plane Jan. 23.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Nelia Desarmes, 2, stands next to her family in San Bernardo, Chile, Wednesday. The Desarmes family left their native Haiti two weeks after the devastating Jan. 12 earthquake, joining the eldest son in Chile for what seemed a refuge from the fear and chaos of Port-au-Prince.

Desarmes, the lead singer of a popular Haitian reggaeton band in Chile, still gets choked up when he recalls seeing his family for the first time stepping off the plane.

"I saw them but I didn't believe it. I said, 'My God, they're here.' It was a very difficult moment," he said, speaking in French in the garden of the house the family now calls home.

"Each time I think about it, I get sad, because I realize I was able to do this because I was here. But there are so many people who are there and I don't know what's going to happen to them." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More men complain of abuse

COURTS Jonathan Pilkington's boss wouldn't take no for an answer. During more than two years as a food runner at an upscale steakhouse in Scottsdale, Ariz., Pilkington says his male supervisor groped, fondled and otherwise sexually harassed him more than a dozen times.

Pilkington, a married father of two, is the star witness in a U.S. federal lawsuit against the steakhouse and one of a growing number of American men claiming they are victims of sexual harassment in the workplace.

From 1990 to 2009, the percentage of sexual harassment claims filed by men has doubled from 8 per cent to 16 per cent, according to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"It's certainly possible that there's more sexual harassment of men going on, but it could just be that more men are coming forward and complaining about it."
Ernest Haffner

Lawyers at the commission say they've noticed the increase in complaints by men — more than 2,000 were filed in 2009 out of about 12,700 cases.

"It's certainly possible that there's more sexual harassment of men going on, but it could just be that more men are coming forward and complaining about it," said Ernest Haffner, an attorney in the commission's Office of Legal Counsel.

While some cases allege harassment by female supervisors or co-workers, most charges involve men harassing other men. Sometimes it's unwelcome romantic advances. Other times, men are picked on because they are gay, perceived as being gay or not considered masculine enough for the work setting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Militants, police clash in Indonesia

TERRORISM Indonesian police clashed with suspected Islamic militants in a deadly gun battle in Aceh on Thursday hours after announcing that 14 prisoners in the restive province had been charged with planning terrorist attacks, officials said.

Police were investigating whether the militants were linked to a terrorist threat to shipping in nearby Malacca Strait, police said in Jakarta, without elaborating. A police officer was killed and at least 10 were wounded in the battle in Aceh's Lamkabeue village. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man held in Pakistan over boy's kidnapping

CRIME A man was arrested in Pakistan on Thursday in connection with the kidnapping of a 5-year-old British boy there, Britain's Foreign Office said.

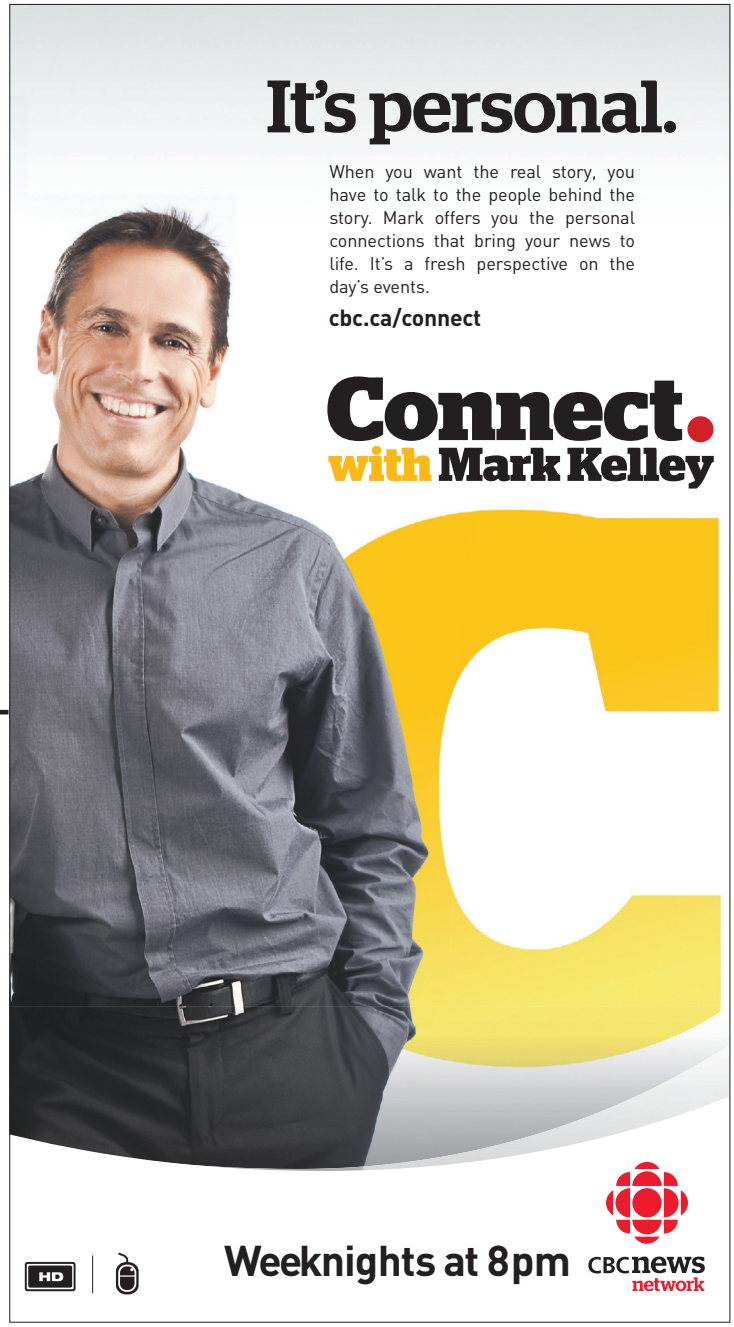
Police in Pakistan made the arrest and were detaining the man for questioning, a Foreign Office spokeswoman said.

British consular staff were in close contact with the investigating Pakistani officer, she said, without providing other details. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with Foreign Office regulations.

Robbers kidnapped the boy, Sahil Saeed, from his grandmother's house in Pakistan's Punjab province and demanded a large ransom for his return, according to British officials and the boy's family.

Sahil Saeed

The robbers entered the house late Wednesday night in Jhelum city and terrorized the family for several hours before leaving with the boy, whose father is Pakistani, said George Sheriff, the press attaché at the British High Commission in Islamabad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Champs-Elysees going green for three days

Paris' Champs-Elysees will be cleared of traffic and blanketed with grass, flowers and trees for three days in May — giving Parisians a chance to picnic there or stroll down the famous avenue barefoot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stampede kills dozens in India

A stampede among thousands of poor villagers scrambling for free food and clothes at a commemorative event killed 63 people Thursday at a Hindu temple in northern India and injured dozens of others.

Nearly all the victims were women and children. The stampede was so intense it knocked down a gate at the compound surrounding the temple in the small town of Kunda, on the northern plains of Uttar Pradesh state.

"How could this happen in such a holy place?" cried Phool Chand Saroj, a 48-year-old farmer whose wife, daughter and grandmother were killed in the stampede. "If they had been more careful about letting in the crowds this would not have happened."

While most men in the region worked in their fields, women from surrounding villages gathered with their children Thursday in Kunda for a midday handout of donations, an anniversary event marking the death of the wife of a local religious leader.

The crush of people turned into a stampede that killed 63 and injured 44, government official Ashok Kumar said.

The handout in Kunda is an annual tradition and usually draws a few hundred people, but the event was announced more broadly this year and drew several thousand villagers, said state lawmaker Raghuraj Pratap Singh.

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A man comforts an unidentified woman who breaks down Thursday after a stampede at a Hindu temple in Kunda, northern India. Scores were killed and dozens of others injured.

Armenian killings genocide: U.S. panel

RESOLUTION Turkey, a key Muslim ally of the United States, angrily withdrew its U.S. ambassador Thursday after a congressional committee approved a resolution branding the First World War-era killing of Armenians a genocide.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee endorsed the resolution, which Turkey sees as a historical affront, over the objections of U.S. President Barack Obama. The 23-22 vote sends the measure to the full House, where prospects for passage are uncertain.

Historians estimate that up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks around the time of the First World War, an event widely viewed by scholars as the first genocide of the 20th century. Turkey denies the deaths constituted genocide, saying the toll has been inflated and those killed were victims of civil war and unrest.

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Mugabe hints at running again

President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe is hinting he will run for re-election. Mugabe has led Zimbabwe since independence from Britain in 1980. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Australia **Sea sculpture**

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An untitled sculpture by Stuart Green of Western Australia is displayed Thursday on the first day of the annual Sculpture by the Sea Cottesloe outdoor art exhibition in Perth, Australia.

Passengers recall wave

The Mediterranean was heaving as the 68-year-old Italian stood in the cruise ship lounge. A moment later a monstrous wave shattered the windows and sent shards into her head, leaving her bleeding on the ground and calling out for her husband.

Torrents of water gushed into the Louis Majesty, pouring through several floors of the ship.

"I thought I would end up in the sea, drowned," said Ana Lita, who had a black eye and bandages on her head and hand Thursday.

The three waves that struck the Cypriot-owned ship Wednesday claimed two lives off the coast of Spain. The vessel was carrying 1,350 passengers and 580 crew members, from a total of 27 countries. Lita's husband Carlo, 69, who had been beside her on a sofa, was thrown in the air and ended up with five stitches in the head and a leg injury.

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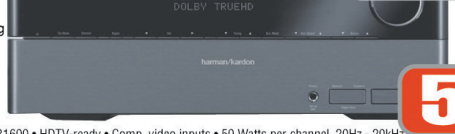

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Comment

Take away blue elephant's toys

UrbanCompass

There was a gigantic blue elephant in the room that councillors didn't notice the other night. It was gobbling up spare change and money that should be used for other services, but no one said a thing about it.

Instead, city councillors tried to find other money by raising the rent on daycare centres, changing user fees on city programs, selling off the city's ski operations, golf courses, and maybe Toronto Hydro, too. They also agreed to raise property taxes.

Why didn't they notice the animal that has grown bloated on all the taxpayer money it has been grabbing for itself?

"The blue elephant is a bully scoffing money needed for other city services. We should red-line the blue elephant and make it do with the money it got last year."

Because the blue elephant is the police department, and councillors never want to question what it wants.

Other city departments were told to cut expenditures by five per cent. The police department was allowed to increase its budget by $33 million, to $888 million this year from $854 million last year. The police will grow by an extra 134 new staff members this year — even though crime has been falling for the past 10 years and the police answered fewer calls last year than the year before.

Why are our elected officials afraid to recognize the elephant in the room?

Because they fear that if they did, they would be accused of being soft on crime.

Because they know that those who have been critical of the police have been attacked by the Toronto Police Association and finally decided to step aside. That's what has happened to Alan Heisey, Judy Sgro, Olivia Chow and Susan Eng, to name just four.

The blue elephant is a bully scoffing money needed for other city services. We should red-line the blue elephant and make it do with the money it got last year. That would free up an extra $33 million

The city council budget meeting is not for another month. In the interim, will any councillor or mayoralty candidate acknowledge the elephant in the room and take away its toys?

John Sewell is a former mayor of Toronto; torontoletters@metronews.ca.

Views

Placing a call for worst cellphone bills

Marketplace

Dale Bass is a cellphone customer from Kamloops, B.C., with a text-mad son. Dale decided to add Liam to her family plan. She believed she was buying an unlimited text message package but when she got her bill, discovered she was getting charged for extra text messages at the rate of 15 cents a pop.

We've been investigating stories like Dale's and, in fact, have put out a call for Canada's worst cellphone bill. As part of our research, we've learned that navigating the cellphone company plans and contracts can be a minefield.

We have put together some tips for you — so you can avoid the ugly surprise that Dale got.

Check your bill regularly — and carefully. Spotting a problem quickly can help your case. If you don't understand a charge, ask your phone company to explain.

Document everything. Whether you're dealing with a customer service representative at a call centre, store, or kiosk, get as much as you can in writing or write down the details yourself. Get the rep's name, the details of your plan, how they've offered to fix your issue, and date your notes in case you have to refer to them later.

Talk to a manager or supervisor. If you're getting nowhere with front-line reps, ask to speak with a manager. If you're dealing with a call centre, you may encounter more resistance, so you'll need patience. And if you are refusing to pay your bills in the interim, cellphone companies could suspend your service or report you to a collection agency.

Complain to a third party. Report your grief to the Commissioner of Complaints for Telecommunications Services. If you're getting the runaround, it can make the company deal with it, and if you don't like the outcome it may investigate further.

Check out the competition. There are online services that can suggest better plans for you than the one you might currently have. They might even suggest a better plan at your same company so you don't have to worry about cancellation charges.

Make the cellphone companies compete for your business. Tell them you'll be talking to others to find the best deal. And even when you're ready to sign on, get the shortest term possible to keep flexible as your needs change and rates get more competitive.

Find out who has Canada's worst cellphone bill on Marketplace tonight airs at 8:30 on CBC Television.

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show, which airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.

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Credit ratings cut on 7 Abu Dhabi companies

Moody's Investors Service has cut its credit ratings on seven state-linked companies in oil-rich Abu Dhabi, citing a lack of formal government backing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Canwest chief Asper loses fight to stay on

After a long battle to remain at the helm of Canwest Global Communications, Leonard Asper announced Thursday he has resigned as president and CEO of the newspaper and broadcast empire founded by his father.

The move, widely expected after Calgary cable giant Shaw Communications won bankruptcy court approval to take control of Canwest's broadcasting assets, nearly severs the last Asper family tie to the Winnipeg company.

Leonard Asper

Leonard's brother and sister, David and Gail Asper, resigned from the Canwest board last month, though technically the family still holds a controlling block of multiple-vote shares in Canwest.

In a brief note to Canwest staff, Leonard Asper — the son of Canwest founder Israel (Izzy) Asper who died in 2006 — expressed little emotion as he announced his departure as a "natural time for me to move on."

Canwest owns the Global TV network and a number of major Canadian daily newspapers including the National Post. The company has been operating under protection from creditors since last year after it ran into trouble paying down a massive $4-billion debt racked up when Izzy Asper was at the helm.

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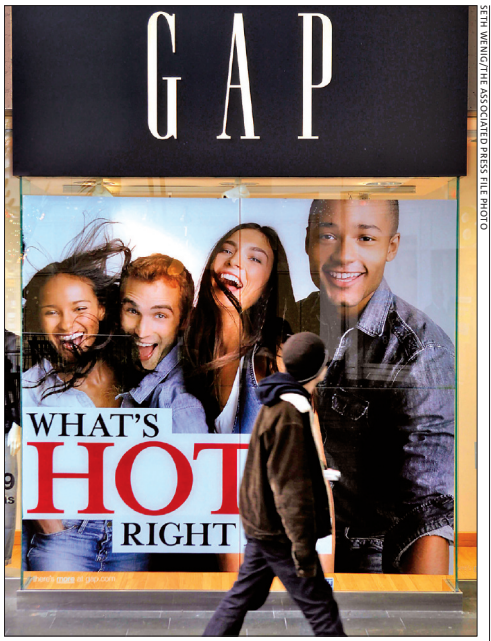

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Many U.S. retailers are reporting solid sales gains for February, even in the face of falling consumer confidence.

American shoppers push up February sales

RETAIL American shoppers shrugged off the snow that hammered much of the country in February to buy spring clothing and other items, resulting in solid sales gains for retailers.

A broad array of merchants, from luxury retailer Nordstrom to midbrow Macy's Inc. and Limited Brands Inc. and discounter Target Corp., reported rising sales Thursday that beat Wall Street analysts' estimates. The gains came in the face of a decline in consumer confidence.

While consumers are starting to spend, the figures are positive partly because sales in February 2009 were so awful. That month, consumer confidence hit an all-time low.

February, sandwiched between post-holiday clearance and spring, is the second-least important month of the year for retailers after January.

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Data Group reverses loss, earns $6.2M

REVENUES The Data Group Income Fund booked a fourth-quarter profit of $6.2 million, reversing year-earlier losses despite a six per cent drop in revenues.

The document manager and printer solutions company said Thursday its profit for the October-December period equalled 27 cents per unit, reversing year-earlier loss of $10 million or 43 cents per unit.

The Toronto-area company attributed the improved results in the final quarter to productivity improvement, cost cutting and a future income tax recovery.

The loss for the last three months of 2008 included a $9.5-million writedown and a future income tax expense.

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Business in brief

MARKETS The Toronto stock market snapped a three-day run of gains Thursday as falling oil and metal prices depressed commodity stocks. The TSX closed down 27.88 points to 11,824.97. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canaccord Financial acquires Genuity Capital

Canaccord Financial Inc., Canada's biggest independent brokerage, has acquired Toronto-based Genuity Capital Markets for about $290 million in a deal that repositions Canaccord as a major player in the investment banking arena. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DVD producer Cinram taking another look at tax liabilities

AUDIT Cinram International Income Fund says its tax liabilities in 2008 and earlier may have been underestimated by $10 million US to $20 million US.

Toronto-based Cinram is reviewing the matter, which it says was brought to its attention by KPMG LLP, its external auditor. The fund, which manufactures pre-recorded products such as DVDs and CDs, says it can't be sure if there was an error until the review is complete.

Cinram, one of the world's biggest DVD and CD manufacturers, employs about 17,000 workers in the U.S., Mexico, France, Britain and Germany. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Building permit rise heralds busier spring

The value of building permits in the Toronto area increased by 18.3 per cent in January over December, according to figures released by Statistics Canada Thursday.

The federal agency said $1.18 billion worth of permits were taken out at the start of the year, compared with just less than $1 billion at the end of last year.

Both residential and non-residential sectors showed an increase in the Toronto area. January permits were also up by 27 per cent year over year.

The greatest improvement was in the single detached building sector up by more than double what it was from last January, when consumer confidence was at an all-time low.

Buyers stopped visiting new housing sites last winter and companies felt the pinch. Permits were down in 2009 by 16.5 per cent compared to 2008 as the recession hit building sites and financing froze.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Construction on Queen Street West. Construction of single detached homes is more than double at this time last year.

Permits are a forward looking indicator, as developers need to file paperwork before they dig a hole in the ground, so a strong start to the year means a healthy spring for suppliers.

The call from developers started to build last fall with developers trying to complete homes before the introduction of the harmonized sales tax in Ontario, said one supplier.

The optimism of Toronto's development community was in contrast to the national figures that showed permits falling by 4.9 per cent in January compared with December.

The total value of permits fell in 18 of 34 census metropolitan areas monitored by StatsCan. Most of that decline was in the non-residential sector, which includes industrial, commercial and institutional building.

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Aeroplan to analyze what shoppers do

SHOPPING Loyalty rewards program Groupe Aeroplan is looking ahead to growth in new markets and through smaller acquisitions, including data analytics firms that analyze the shopping patterns of consumers.

Aeroplan already owns a U.K.-based data analytics firm and is using it there in the Sainsbury supermarket chain, president and CEO Rupert Duchesne said Thursday, after the company announced a $20.5-million profit in the last quarter of fiscal 2009.

"That is the new frontier of loyalty, those customer-by-customer shopping pattern insights or spending pattern insights in the credit card industry and that is a critical area of growth for us," he said.

Duchesne said there are a number of small marketing companies that specialize in that field and he's willing to spend $5 million to $10 million to buy a small firm, "if it saves us having to build the capability ourselves."

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Sports

Terry to have surgery

Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry, left, is scheduled to have surgery Friday after taking an elbow to the face during a recent game. The team said a timetable for Terry's return would be determined after the surgery. Terry's left eye was nearly swollen shut when he left the Dallas locker room after Wednesday night's 112-109 victory over Minnesota. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Leafs lose in shootout

NHL RESULTS

Leafs 2 Bruins 3 (SO)

VS

Tim Thomas, back from the Vancouver Olympics and back from a slump that sent the reigning Vezina Trophy winner to the bench, made 24 saves in regulation and overtime and added three more in the shootout Thursday night to lead the Boston Bruins to a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Miroslav Satan, who scored Boston's first goal, had the only goal in the shootout. Thomas stopped Tyler Bozak with a pad save to end it, then started pumping his glove to celebrate Boston's first win in Boston since the New Year's Day Winter Classic, and the Bruins' first win of 2010 in the TD Garden.

Bozak and Viktor Stalberg scored for Toronto, which has lost four straight games. Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 29 saves.

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Toronto Maple Leaf Luca Caputi checks Boston forward Mark Recchi Thursday night in Boston. The Bruins won 3-2 in a shootout.

Johnny Boychuk also scored for Boston.

Former Leafs prospect Tuukka Rask was expected to start for Boston Thursday but a "lower body" injury made him a scratch.

That put Thomas between the pipes and set up an Olympic reunion with U.S. coach Ron Wilson.

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Argos eyeing Bills' third-string QB: Source

CFL The Toronto Argonauts' muddled quarterback spot is about to become little clearer.

NFL free agency is slated to begin at 12:01 a.m. ET Friday, which is when the Argos could begin working out quarterbacks south of the border. And a CFL source requesting anonymity said a player of particular interest to Toronto is Gibran Hamdan, the Buffalo Bills' third-string quarterback.

The six-foot-four, 220-pound Hamdan is among the NFL's free agents, allowing him to sign with the team of his choice, north or south of the border. But the source said Hamdan is interested in coming to Toronto because it gives him the best chance to play immediately.

The Argos have had an interest in Hamdan since after the 2008 season and he reportedly met with former coach Bart Andrus in Toronto, before he was fired in December. Hamdan played for Andrus with NFL Europe's Amsterdam Admirals in 2006.

The source adds Jim Barker, the Argos new head coach, is also high on Hamdan.

Hamdan, 29, has bounced around in the NFL since being selected in the seventh round of the 2003 draft by Washington. Since then, he's been with six teams, including the Seattle Seahawks twice.

In that span, he's appeared in just one regular-season game, that being in 2003 with Washington when he completed one pass for seven yards.

Hamdan appeared in four exhibition games last season with Buffalo, completing 32-of-48 passes (66.7 per cent) for 427 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

According to the source, the Argos are keen to get a look at Hamdan and work him out before signing him to a contract. That's because if Hamdan signed a CFL contract immediately, he would be unable to work out with Toronto until the start of training camp, as per the league's collective bargaining agreement with the CFL Players' Association.

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No Martin or Ferbey for Alberta at Brier
For the first time in 11 years, Alberta is sending a rink skipped by someone other than Kevin Martin or Randy Ferbey to the Tim Hortons Brier. The job of representing Alberta on the ice has fallen to Edmonton's Kevin Koe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic glory has a price tag

The news that the Canadian government will extend its commitment to high-performance sport is welcome indeed.

National pride requires an investment.

While we all revelled in the performances by this country's athletes at the home Olympics, it's safe to say there will be more moments to enjoy in the future.

But Canadians must avoid a tendency to jump off the bandwagon once the Olympics have left town. It demands an understanding that winning needs support and role models don't just appear — they are nurtured in a willing environment.

In tough economic times it's an interesting — even debatable — call.

It can easily be argued that more pressing needs for public funds exist in our fragile society.

So why make the leap?

The answer is an acceptance that the dividends paid on this kind speculative, monetary, commitment are not immediately apparent. But when the payoff comes, as it did in Vancouver and Whistler, the benefit is immense.

It is encompassed in a national sense of well-being that most Canadians eagerly embrace.

But the government cannot be the only patron.

"The money needs to come in larger part from businesses, and if this can happen the impact will be profound," said six-time Olympic medallist Clara Hughes. "To get anywhere near the realistic amount of money it takes, the source cannot be the government alone."

Bobsled pilot Lyndon Rush captured the first Canadian medal in 46 years in the four-man event. "I am a direct result of Own the Podium," said the native of Humboldt, Sask. "When they got the money they recruited me. I worked hard and the payback is this bronze medal. I think it was worth it."

As Rush was speaking he cradled the medal that hung around his neck like a national treasure.

Maybe it is, just as the other 25 medals won at the home Olympics are. So, too, are the record 14 gold medals, which allowed O Canada to be the most frequently played anthem at the Games.

But all that patriotism comes at a price and it hinges on great performance.

Finally, it seems, Canadians are willing to pay.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Toronto Blue Jay Jarrett Hoffpauir bobbles the ball Thursday as Detroit Tiger Gerald Laird slides into third base.

Drabek makes Blue Jays debut

MLB Minutes after new Phillies ace Roy Halladay dispatched the World Series-champion New York Yankees over two effortless innings, Kyle Drabek trotted to the mound to throw his first pitches as a Blue Jay.

Drabek, the Blue Jays' top pitching prospect and a key figure in the trade that sent Halladay to the Phillies in December, surrendered two earned runs and gave up walks as often as Halladay missed the strike zone — twice.

Drabek and first baseman Brett Wallace debuted for the Jays in a 9-7 win over the Tigers.

The 22-year-old pitcher admitted being a little more excited than normal pregame. He said the nerves subsided as soon as he faced his first batter.

"As soon as I got on that mound, everything clicked," Drabek said. "I was pitching again. No distractions, just (what) I've been doing since I was a little kid." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sports in brief

ARGOS Cornerback Jordan Younger re-signed with the Toronto Argonauts Thursday. The two-time CFL all-star started 13 games with Toronto last year but was released by the Argos last month.

DOCTOR Anthony Galea, who is accused of selling an unapproved drug, has stepped down as the team doctor of the Toronto Argonauts. The CFL club said Thursday that Galea voluntarily resigned last month.

NFL The agent for Darren Sproles says the running back is staying with the San Diego Chargers. Gary Wichard says the Chargers notified him Thursday that they have decided to tender the restricted free agent a contract, which will be worth approximately $7.3 million US.

NBA The same day the Philadelphia 76ers announced that guard Allen Iverson would not return for the rest of the season, his wife filed for divorce in Atlanta.

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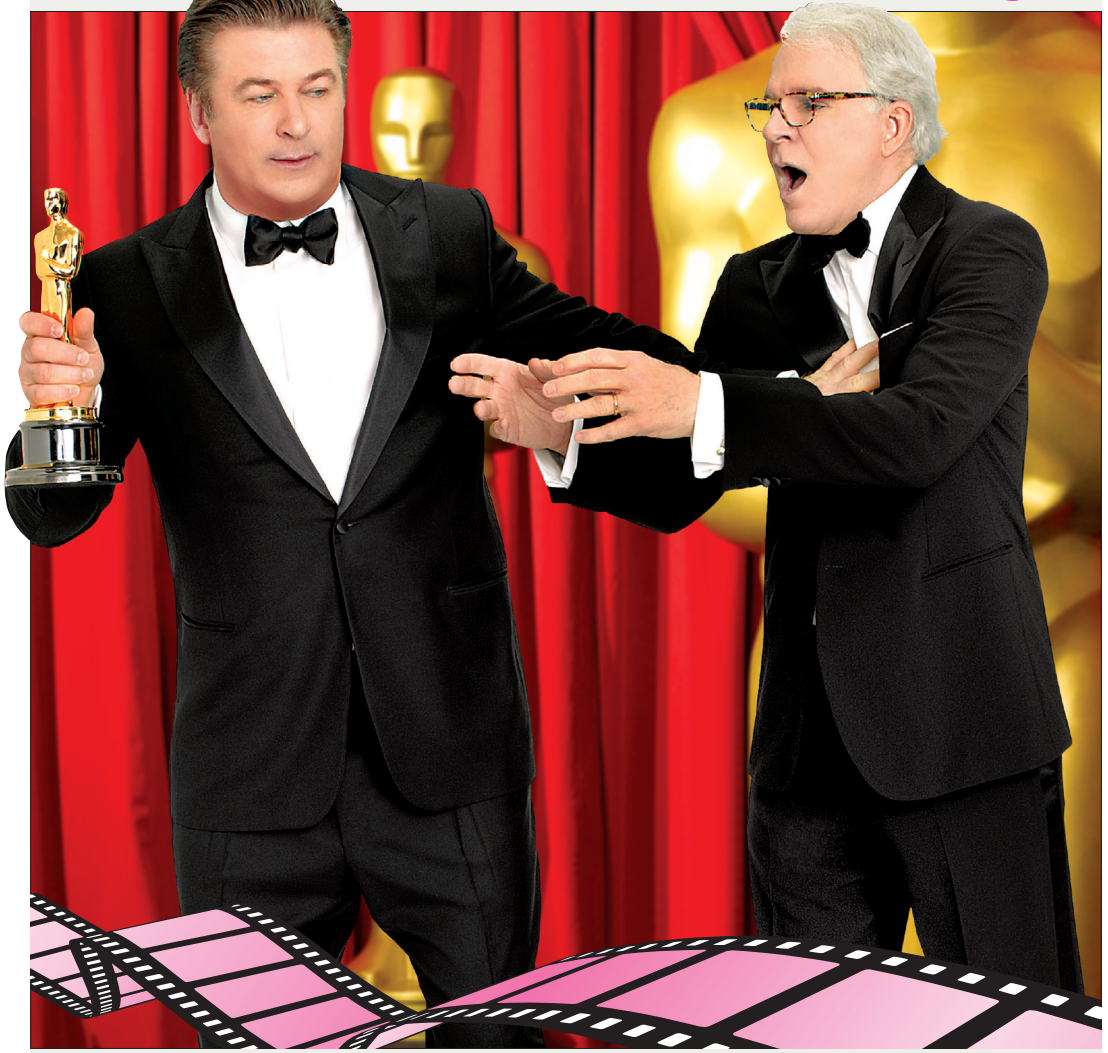

Alec Baldwin, left, and Steve Martin will be officiating the Avatar and The Hurt Locker brawl at the Oscars; our writers weigh in as well.

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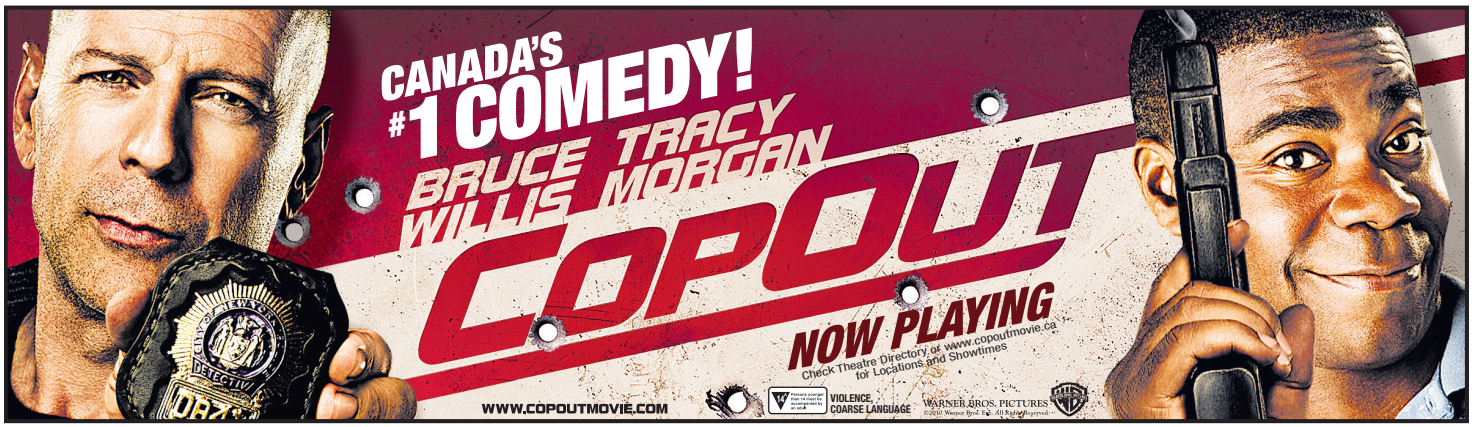
Hanks brings another band of brothers to the small screen.



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James Cameron's Avatar and Kathryn Bigelow's The Hurt Locker are clear frontrunners in the Best Picture and Best Director categories at the Oscars.

Faceoff night at Oscars

Metro critics go to battle over who will win Academy race

Richard Crouse

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Mo'Nique (Precious)
"I think this is as close to a 'gimme' as you are going to get this year."

BEST SUPPPORTING ACTOR: Christoph Waltz (Inglourious Basterds)
"Again, this is a category where the winner is rather obvious. I love how Christopher Plummer says 'I am happy to be nominated,' but Christoph Waltz takes this one."

BEST ACTRESS: Meryl Streep (Julie & Julia) or Sandra Bullock (The Blind Side)
"It's a flip of the coin for me. I would like to see Meryl Streep win because I think she took Julia Child and turned her into an actual person rather than a caricature … but Sandra Bullock has been making amazing speeches. She took a movie that was deeply average and turned it into something that was Oscar worthy."

BEST ACTOR: Jeff Bridges (Crazy Heart)
"He is Hollywood royalty. He has put in an unbelievable performance that has thrown vanity out the window."

BEST DIRECTOR: Kathryn Bigelow (The Hurt Locker)
"This is a race between the first too: James Cameron and Kathryn Bigelow and I think Kathryn Bigelow is going to take this one."

BEST PICTURE: Avatar
"It has been living at the very centre of popular culture since it came out, and not only has it made billions of dollars but it has also changed the way Hollywood is doing business now."

Steve Gow

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Mo'Nique (Precious)
"She really is a fantastic character in this movie. Great villain; which Hollywood really loves."

BEST SUPPPORTING ACTOR: Christoph Waltz (Inglourious Basterds)
"The only chance that he won't get it is that maybe some of the voters out there are sort of thinking that everyone else is going to vote for him so they kind of pick a secondary person."

BEST ACTRESS: Meryl Streep (Julie & Julia) or Sandra Bullock (The Blind Side)
"This is a really interesting category. Some might vote for Meryl, some for Sandra. And up the middle you might see someone like Carey Mulligan."

BEST ACTOR: Jeff Bridges (Crazy Heart)
"(The Academy) loves these kinds of roles where you see the star acting outside their element and a little grungy."

BEST DIRECTOR: Katherine Bigelow (The Hurt Locker)
"I think voters really like that there is that ex-husband factor as well in James Cameron (he and Bigelow were married) … I think they really want to see her sort of beat him."

BEST PICTURE: Avatar
"Maybe it is my heart here, but I kind of hope The Hurt Locker wins."

On the web

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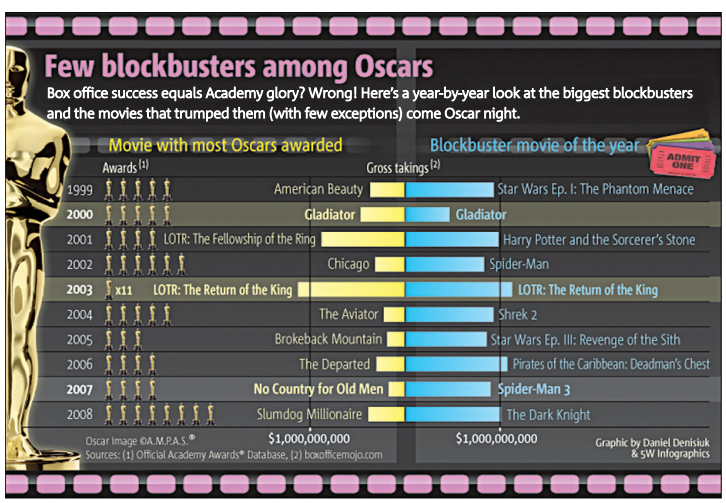

… and now the Razzies

THE WORST While Hollywood's elite will be celebrating the best of 2009 Sunday evening, the night before will see a celebration of a different nature when the 30th annual Golden Razzies Awards are announced a few miles further down Hollywood Boulevard.

The Razzies, the Golden Raspberry Award Foundation's annual salute to the very worst in film, has acted as a kind of snarky younger sibling to the Oscars since it started humbly in 1980, growing into what E! News has called "the foremost authority on all things that suck on the big screen." The two films leading this year's pack, with seven nominations each, are Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen and Land of the Lost.

Worst Actress nominee Sandra Bullock (for "All About Steve") could make history by being the first actress to win a Razzie one day and an Oscar the next, since she's also up for Best Actress at the Academy Awards for "the Blind Side." Surprisingly, Bullock has said she'll be there. "I'm showing up if I win," she told Entertainment Weekly.

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Hollywood Votes
Academy Awards

What's buzzing at the Oscars

RED CARPET, GREEN DRESS: Most women attending the Academy Awards choose their dress weeks in advance and keep it a secret until the big day. James Cameron's wife, Suzy Amis Cameron, started looking for her dress more than a year ago and she showed it off on a mannequin at a party Wednesday night.

Suzy Cameron held an eco-dress design contest to raise funds for Muse Elementary, the eco-friendly school she founded in Los Angeles. She unveiled the winning dress and its designer, 21-year-old Michigan State senior Jillian Granz, at environmental organization Global Green USA's seventh annual pre-Oscar party.

The long, flowing gown is made almost entirely from sustainable materials. It's one shouldered, with a big slit up the side, and it's Avatar blue.

"Suzy likes blue," said James Cameron, an Oscar nominee for best director and best picture for Avatar, which features a blue humanoid species living on a faraway moon called Pandora.

MIRRORS EVERYWHERE: Instead of returning to their seats after presenting or accepting an Academy Award, Oscar's stars might opt to relax in the Architectural Digest green room backstage at the Kodak Theatre, where they can have a drink, watch the show on a flat-screen TV and check their reflection in multiple mirrors.

Interior designer Roger Thomas, who is responsible for the look of the Wynn hotels, says Oscar's green room was inspired by Hollywood's golden age. Black lacquer furniture is trimmed in shades of cream and white, flanked by end tables topped with orchid plants and oversized crystals. An outdoor garden space connected to the green room provides celebrity smokers with a private, covered place to light up. The floor inside is splattered with paint, like one might find in the art department on a studio lot. And there are mirrors everywhere.

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Alice looking pretty

Alice In **Wonderland**

Director: Tim Burton
Stars: Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊖

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Helen Bonham Carter plays the Red Queen in Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland.

Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen.

From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses.

However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. It's a shame because Burton is capable of more than just surface style and the source material offers plenty to explore. But when the package is this pretty, a lack of depth is forgivable.

Surprisingly this is not a straight adaptation, but a sequel to Carroll's original stories. The movie stars Mia Wasikowska as an older Alice verging on adulthood.

Frustrated by the suffocating social codes of Victorian society, Alice escapes to Wonderland with no memory of her previous adventures.

She is reintroduced to all of her old friends and must embark on a quest to overthrow the Red Queen. It all amounts to a message about favouring individuality over succumbing to the expectations of others, which is sweet but unnecessary.

The world of the film is so exquisitely realized that it's disappointing to find such a conventional story at the centre.

Still, no one is going to see this movie for complex storytelling and it delivers on plenty of other levels. A cast of comedians and character actors like Alan Rickman and Stephen Fry play all the recognizable Wonderland characters and clearly had a blast with their roles.

Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter take on the Mad Hatter and Red Queen respectively and unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes (even if Depp's role was unnecessarily expanded to accommodate his fame).

It's easy to get lost in the stunning visuals and eccentric performances, but hopefully Tim Burton will rediscover his interest in characterization and storytelling soon. As impressive as this film is, he's capable of more.

• For a trailer of Alice In Wonderland, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Adam mostly works

Zooey and **Adam**

Director: Sean Garrity
Stars: Tom Keenan, Daria Puttatert
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW "I don't know what I'd do without you," whispers Adam (Tom Keenan) to his wife Zooey (Daria Puttatert) early on in Sean Garrity's arresting third feature. It's a statement that speaks to the passionate bond between newlyweds while also foreshadowing troubles ahead.

The publicity for Zooey and Adam foregrounds the unusual nature of its production: Garrity and his actors developed the story and characters out of improve exercises and shot scenes on the fly in and around Winnipeg.

But the question of whether the film works as a test case for "Solo Cinema" — Garrity's term for his microbudget M.O. — is subordinate to the question of whether it works as drama.

And for most of its duration, it does: Keenan and Puttatert are credible as a young couple weighing a major life decision — having a baby — and then struggling to reconcile their dream after an especially cruel twist of fate.

The scene that plunges Zooey and Adam into dark territory is genuinely horrifying without being prurient, demonstrating the potential of Garrity's stripped-down approach.

If there is a slightly mechanical feeling to the narrative twists that follow, it's offset by the stomach-tightening nature of its protagonists' predicament: it's rare to find a film in which it's possible to identify simultaneously with the motives — and grievances — of two characters.

Unfortunately, Garrity's even-handed approach doesn't quite extend to the final scenes, which traffic in some rather shameless melodrama.

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Patrick Harris turns blue

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Reel Time

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Pierce Brosnan, left, and Ewan McGregor square off in Roman Polanski's The Ghost Writer.

Writer gripping thriller

The Ghost **Writer**

Director: Roman Polanski
Stars: Pierce Brosnan, Ewan McGregor
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐🌐½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

It's difficult to watch Roman Polanski's grippy and enjoyable new thriller, The Ghost Writer, without being reminded of current events involving both the director and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on whom the film's Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan) is obviously — if not explicitly — based.

It doesn't help matters that both Polanski and Blair have faced very high-profile legal challenges leading up to the film's release.

But even without the real-world signifiers, the film is a satisfying, stylish ride, showing once again that, legal and personal issues notwithstanding, Polanski is still a great filmmaker.

Of course, much of that is to do with author Robert Harris, who adapted the screenplay from his own novel, and stars Brosnan and Olivia Williams, turning in career-high performance as the embattled former PM and his wife under siege at a publisher's vacation home in New England while protesters chant outside the gates and charges from the International Criminal Court loom.

Into this mix is thrown Ewan McGregor as an unnamed ghost writer brought in to spruce up Lang's memoirs after the previous ghost writer's apparent suicide. McGregor's character is in over his head from the get-go, providing the Scottish actor's brow plenty of exercise.

The only real drawbacks to the film are the often garish digital effects — used by necessity since Polanski couldn't actually go on location to the U.S. or England.

It can be distracting when a great performance is given before a clearly green-screened bay window overlooking the Atlantic.

N.Y. police drama not actors' Finest moments

Brooklyn's **Finest**

Director: Antoine Fuqua
Stars: Ethan Hawke, Don Cheadle, Richard Gere
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW The best thing that can be said about Brooklyn's Finest is that it is bargain priced. Like a Costco DVD combo pack, viewers are treated to three derivative police stories for the price of one. Unfortunately, if you enjoy realistic and artfully crafted crime films, you'll have to look elsewhere.

This movie plays like three sub-par episodes of NYPD Blue combined into an exhausting 140 minutes. Much of the acting is excellent and almost makes some of the characters believable.

But for the most part, this is a waste of talent destined to stock clearance sale DVD bins.

Antoine Fuqua (Training Day) directs Brooklyn's Finest as if it is an earnest drama, emphasizing the absurdity of the project. Nothing is harder to buy than clichés played as truth and the three intertwined plots are marred with this issue.

Ethan Hawke plays a poor police officer with an ever-expanding family who starts stealing confiscated drug money to buy a new house.

Don Cheadle plays an undercover officer asked to send a longtime friend to prison. And finally, Richard Gere plays as disenchanted retiring cop assigned to train a fresh faced new recruit. The concepts are all familiar and they play out in obvious ways.

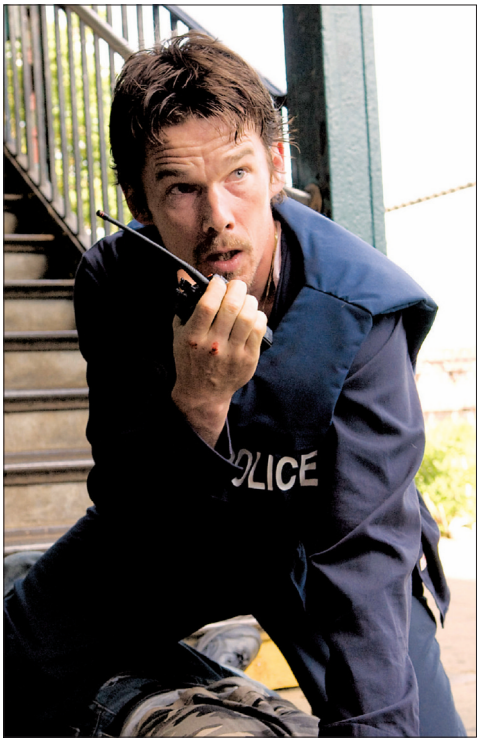
It has to be said that both Ethan Hawke and Don Cheadle manage to rise above the material and give solid performances that almost make their sections work.

But "almost" is the key word and sadly most of their good work goes to waste.

Richard Gere on the other hand is placid throughout. His character is supposed to be embarrassed by his profession and quietly goes about his work waiting for it all to be over.

There's a sense that the actor feels that way about the movie itself and is too frustrated by the proceedings to put in any effort.

If that's not actually the case, then he at least should have felt that way along with everyone else involved.



Ethan Hawke plays a cop in Brooklyn's Finest.

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McAdams signs on for Allen film

Rachel McAdams is set to engage in a storied Hollywood tradition — appearing in a Woody Allen film. The Canadian actress has signed on to co-star in the director's next project, according to Hollywood Reporter. IMDB.COM

Prophet fails to materialize

A Prophet

Director: Jacques Audiard
Stars: Tahar Rahim, Niels Arestrup
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Tahar Rahim, right, stars as incarcerated Muslim youth Malik in Jacques Audiard's A Prophet.

The odds-on favourite to snag the Best Foreign-Language Film Oscar at this Sunday's Oscar telecast, Jacques Audiard's A Prophet is also a pretty good bet to connect with North American audiences, mainly because its tale of an incarcerated Muslim youth (Tahar Rahim) ascending to the top of the prison pecking order plays like two and a half hours of pretty good TV.

It is not, however, particularly good cinema, running its protagonist through a laboriously constructed narrative maze towards a predetermined — and vapourously "ambiguous" — conclusion. There's surely tension in the opening passages, as Rahim's Malik is conscripted by the cellblock's ruling petty tyrant (Niels Arestrup) to murder a fellow inmate, and the scene where he does the deed features nightmarish details (like the hiding place for his razor).

But this presentation, for all its intensity, also skirts prurience: Audiard isn't exploring violence, just deploying it at regular intervals to goose his audience. (The less said about the scenes where the dead man returns as a ghostly vision to prod our conflicted anti-hero's conscience, the better)

A Prophet certainly moves — there's nary a dull moment — but propulsion without purpose suggests autopilot. No doubt that there's plenty of skill in A Prophet — unfortunately, there's nothing else to it.

Judd gives very raw, naked performance

Helen

Director: Sandra Nettlebeck
Stars: Ashley Judd, Goran Visnjic, Lauren Lee
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕½

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Ashley Judd and Goran Visnjic in Helen.

REVIEW Ashley Judd knows intimately the emotional landscape of her latest film. She goes deep into the dark night of the soul in Sandra Nettlebeck's harrowing study of depression.

Given its unrelenting depiction of debilitating sadness, it's easy to imagine Judd must have felt some serous emotions while preparing for it and shooting.

Judd brings heart breaking authenticity to the role, layering in subtleties of depression that are not often represented in film, one of the most interesting being her alliance with a dependent fellow sufferer. The result is a visceral, painful ride.

Helen is a renowned music teacher apparently living the good life with a loving husband and daughter, friends, money and freedom, until she spirals into full blown mental illness.

Judd's performance is as naked as she has ever done. From the urgency of Helen's frequent breakdowns to her unwashed, raw look.

Nettlebeck executes the film well, but lets it run on too long. For a film this dark, it's wise to know when to cut.

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Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 11-1:40-4:40-7:35-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:20-11:20 Mon-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:30 Fri-Sun 11:35-3:20-6:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:40-9:40
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:20-9-11:40 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:20-9
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sat 11:50-3-7:10-10:10 Sun 7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:25-3:40-7:10-10:10
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:40

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

Alice In Wonderland (STC) Fri-Sat 1-3:40-6:50-9:15-11:30 Sun-Wed 1-3:40-6:50-9:15 Thu 3:40-6:50-9:15 Thu 1
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:10-6:45-9:10-11:20 Sun-Thu 1:15-4:10-6:45-9:10
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:20-7-9:25-11:25 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:20-7-9:25
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:6:40-9:30
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sat 7:10-9:35-11:35 Sun-Thu 7:10-9:35

REVUE CINEMA
400 Roncesvalles Ave., 416-531-9959

Inglourious Basterds (14A) Wed 6:30 Thu 6:30-9
Oscars (STC) Sun 8
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 9:15 Sat 7 Sun 6:15 Mon 1-9:15 Tue 9:15
Up (PG) Sat 1:30 Sun 2
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 7 Sat 3:30 Sun 4 Mon-Tue 7
Youth in Revolt (14A) Sat 9:15 Wed 9:30 Thu 7

THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

At Home by Myself Without You (STC) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun 2-7 Mon-Tue 7 Wed-Thu 9
Zooey & Adam (STC) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30-9:15 Mon-Tue 9:15 Wed-Thu 7

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5:7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4-7-9:50
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:10 Mon-Tue 12:30-4:15-8 Wed 12:30 Thu 12:30-4:15-8
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:30
Fish Tank (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:25-6:15-9:05
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-10:10 Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:55
The Last Station (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:35-9:25
Last Train Home (STC) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:20-9:55
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-6:50-10 Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:20-9 Mon 12:40-3:20 Tue-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:20-9
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sat 1-4:20-7:10-10:15 Sun 4:20-7:10-10:15 Mon-Tue 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:15 Wed 3:50-7:10-10:15 Thu 1

CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:15-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:50
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
An Education (PG) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:40
Invictus (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
The Maid (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:10
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:35-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-9:55
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:05-6:40 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:40
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:45-9:20
The White Ribbon (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-4-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-10:15

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

The Last Station (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue 7 Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
A Single Man (PG) Fri 9:25 Sat 4:30-9:25 Sun 2:15 Wed 7 Thu 9:15

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat 6:50-9:30 Sun 2-4:30 Tue-Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-1:20-2:15-4:10-5-7:7:45-9:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:20-2-4:10-4:45-7-7:30-9:45-10:15
Avatar (STC) Fri 2:30-6:30-10:10 Sat 6:30-10:10 Sun 2:30-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:30-10
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:50
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:45-9:30
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 11:45-3:6:20-9:30 Sat 11:45-6:20-9:30 Sun 11:45-3-6:20-9:30 Mon 12:30-3:30-10:15 Tue 12:30-3:30-6:20-9:15 Wed 3:30-6:20-9:15 Thu 12:30-3:30-6:20-9:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 12-3:15-6:50-10 Sat 12-3:15 Sun 12-3:15-6:50-10 Mon 7:10 Tue Thu 1-4-7:10-10:15 Sat 6:50-10 Mon 1-4-10:15
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Sat 3:40-6:40-9:40 Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40 Wed 3:40-6:40-9:40 Thu 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

Behind the Walls (STC) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Sun 7:45
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:10 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:50-4:40-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:10
The Boat Race (STC) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Sat 7
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Special Engagement Fri 1:40-3:40-4:40-6:40-7:45-9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:45-12:40-1:40-3:40-4:40-6:40-7:40-9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Wed 1:40-3:40-4:40-6:40-7:45-9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Thu 1:40-4:40-6:40-7:45-9:45-10:45
A Cargo to Africa (STC) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Sat 2:30
Cop Out (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-1-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10-10:45 Mon-Wed 1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10-10:45 Thu 1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:45-5:25-8:05-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:40 Mon-Wed 2:45-5:25-8:05-10:40 Thu 2:45-5:25-8:05
Defendor (14A) Fri 2:20-5:05-7:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:20-5:05-7:40-10:20 Mon 2:20 Tue 2:20-5:05-7:40-10:20 Thu 2:20-5:05-7:40-10:20
Draft Dodgers (STC) Special Engagement Sun 1
Eden Is West (STC) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Sat 9:15
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 2:15-5:7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5:7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:30
An Education (PG) Fri 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:35 Mon-Tue 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:35 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:35
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri 1:35-3:40-5:50-7:55-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:35-3:40-5:50-7:55-10:25 Mon-Wed 1:35-3:40-5:50-7:55-10:25 Thu 1:35
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 2:40-4:55-7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:40-4:55-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:40-4:55-7:20-9:40
The Ghost Writer (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:10-2:10-4-5-6:50-7:50-9:50-10:50 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:10-1:10-2:10-4-5-6:50-7:50-9:50-10:50 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-4-5-6:50-7:50-9:50-10:50
Green Zone (14A) Special Engagement Thu 12:01
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:10 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:40-4:35-7:35-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:10
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 1:25-4:05-7:10-10:05 Mon-Tue 4:05-7:10-10:05 Wed 7:10-10:05 Thu 4:05-7:10-10:05 Wed-Thu 1:55-4:15
Legion (14A) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:05-4:50-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:20-9:55
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:50-6:15-9:50 Sat 11:25-2:50-6:15-9:50 Sun 11:25-2:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:50-6:15-9:50
Our Family Wedding (STC) Special Engagement Thu 12:01
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 2:30-5:15-8-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:30-5:15-8-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Fri 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:15-8-10:40
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 2:35-5:30-7:55-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:30-7:55-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:30-7:55-10:35
She's Out of My League (14A) Special Engagement Thu 12:01
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:05-10 Mon 4:10-7:05-10 Wed-Thu 4:10-7:05-10
Skirt Day (STC) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Sat 5
Une Semaine sur Deux (Et la Moitié des Vacances Scolaires) (STC) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Sun 3:15
Welcome (STC) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Sun 5:30
When in Rome (PG) Fri 3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15 Sat-Sun 10:40-12:50-3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri 3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45 Sat-Sun 11-1:10-3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45 Mon-Thu 3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45

Timothy Olyphant and Radha Mitchell are up against a deadly plague that turns people into killers in The Crazies.

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Atithi Tum Kab Jaoge (STC) Fri 4-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-2-4:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-9:15
Karthik Calling Karthik (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 6:45
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 6:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:15
Teen Patti (PG) Fri 4:15 Sat-Sun 4:45 Mon-Thu 4

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15 No Passes Wed 3:40-6:30-9:15 No Passes Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-1:20-2:15-4:10-5-7:7:45-9:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:20-2:15-4:10-5-7:7:45-9:45-10:30
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2-6:35-10:20 Mon-Wed 12:30-4:15-8 Thu 2-10:20
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:25-7:10-10:25
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:40-10:40
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:15-10
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:55-9:40
Dear John (PG) Fri-Tue 12:25-3:20-6:20-9:20 Wed 12:25-3:25-6:20-9:20 Thu 12:25-3:20-6:20-9:20
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:50-9:50
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-7:05-10:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-12:45-3:30-4-6:45-7:25-10:05-10:45
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sat 12:55-3:35-6:25 Sun-Tue 12:55-3:55-6:25 Wed 12:55-3:35-6:25 Thu 12:55-3:55-6:25
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Tue 1-3:50-6:40-9:35 Wed 3:50-6:40-9:35 Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:35 Wed 1:10-4:25-7:30-10:35 Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:35
When in Rome (PG) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-9:55 Sat 7:20-9:55 Sun-Tue 4:30-7:20-9:55 Wed 1:40-4:30-7:20-9:55 Thu 4:30-7:20-9:55
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:55-7:50-10:40 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:55-7:50-10:30

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Alice In Wonderland (STC) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:45-6:55-9:25
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:10-9:30
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:05-9:25
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:40-9:15
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:35
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:45-4:50
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:40

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5:7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:45-10:30
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-4-7:20-10:40 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:40
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 1:15-4:10-7 Sat 7 Sun 1:15-4:10-7 Mon-Thu 7
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:40-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 10

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Academy Awards Telecast (STC) Sun 8
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Sat-Sun 2
The Hurt Locker (14A) Mon 9:25 Tue 7
Invictus (PG) Wed 1:30-6:45 Thu 6:45
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri 9:15 Sat 4:15-9:15 Mon 7
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue 9:25 Wed-Thu 9:15

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4-8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:35-9:35
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:55-9:50
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:30
Dear John (PG) Fri 1-4-6:40-9:20 Sat 6:40-9:20 Sun 1-4-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:20

From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 1:20-4:40-7:15-9:50 Sat 7:15-9:50 Sun 4:40-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-5:8:45 Mon-Thu 5-8:45
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:20-9:35 Mon-Tue 3:40-6:20-9:45 Wed 3:40-9:45 Thu 3:40-6:20-9:45
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:9:40

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 1:30-2:20-4:10-5:15-7-8-9:40-10:35 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 1:30-2:20-4:10-5:15-7-8-9:40-10:30 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-5:15-7-8-9:40-10:30
The Crazies (18A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2:10-5-7:30-10:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10:10
Helen (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:35-10:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35-10:20
It's Complicated (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:45 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-6:45
The Last Station (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:40-9:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:15-9:50 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 1:40-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:45-10:10:45 Stadium Seating Sat 1:1:40-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:45-10:45 Stadium Seating Sun 1:1:40-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:45-10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-4:40-6:50-7:45-10
Valentine's Day (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:20-10:15 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:15
When in Rome (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:30

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3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-1:20-2:15-4:10-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:30 No Passes Mon 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-9:45-10:15 No Passes Tue 1:20-2:15-4:10-4:50-7-7:30-9:45-10:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-9:45-10:15
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2-6:15-10 Mon 12:30-4-8 Tue 12:30-4:15-8 Wed 12:30-4:16-8 Thu 12:30-4:15-8
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:15
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:10
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 6:30-9:20 Mon 9:50 Tue 6:55-9:50 Wed 9:50 Thu 6:55-9:50
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3-6:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:55-6:50-9:40
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:10:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:15 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:50
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:50 Mon-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:45-10 Wed 12:40-6:45-10 Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-10

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-1:20-2:15-4:10-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:40-1:50-3:40-4:40-6:45-7:30-9:30-10:15
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:30-10:10
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:10-3:20-7:20-10
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:50-4-7-9:50
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 1-4:10-7:40-10:05
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:50-6:50-9:40
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:10-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 12-3:10-7:10-10:15
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:20

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COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Bruce Willis, left, and director Kevin Smith at work on the set of Cop Out.

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:25-6-9
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:45
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-5:30-9:10
Legion (14A) Fri 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 7:25-10:25 Sun 4:25-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sat 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55 Sun 12:55-4:40-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
Vinnaithandi Varuvaay (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-6:10-10
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:20
The Wolfman (18A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-12:50-2:15-3:40-5-6:30-7:45-9:15-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-5-6:30-7:45-9:15-10:30
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2:30-6:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-8
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:20-4:20-7:30-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:30-10:40
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:15
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:25
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:25-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9:20
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:25-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:40-9:40
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-10:20
Theeradha Vilaiyattu Pillai (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:50-9 Mon-Thu 4:50-9
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-4-6:45 Mon-Thu 4-6:45
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sun 12:3-45-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-10
Vinnaithandi Varuvaay (PG) Fri-Sun 2-6:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:10-9:50
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:45-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:50-10:35

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:40-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:10
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-2:20-5-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:40
Avatar (STC) Fri-Sun 1:45-6:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 5-8:45
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:20-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:45-9:55
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-9:50
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:15
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:10-9
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:45-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:20-9:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:10-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3-6 Mon-Thu 3:35-6
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10-10
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 10:30 Mon-Thu 9:20

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Alice In Wonderland (STC) Special Engagement Fri 1:30-4:6:30-9 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:1:30-4-6:30-9 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4-6:30-9
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-12:30-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:20
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:30
Cop Out (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12:25-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:25 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-12:25-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:25
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15
Defendor (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:35-7:55-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:35-7:55-10:20
An Education (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:05-7:35-9:55
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10
Karthik Calling Karthik (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50
The Last Station (14A) Fri 2-4:35-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:25-2-4:35-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 2-4:35-7:10-9:55
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:55-6:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:55-6:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:55-6:20-9:45
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-5:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:05-10:05
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-1-3:15-4-6:15-7-9:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:15-4-6:15-7-9:15-10:05
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Thu 2:35-7:40
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 1:45-4:35-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 11:1:45-4:35-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-10
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Atithi Tum Kab Jaoge (STC) Fri 4-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-9:15
Karthik Calling Karthik (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2-7 Mon-Thu 6:45
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 6:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:15
Teen Patti (PG) Fri 4:15 Sat-Sun 4:30 Mon-Thu 4

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 3-7 Mon-Thu 5-7:10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:30
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri-Sun 12 Mon-Thu 5:30
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-7 Mon-Thu 1:30-6:05-8:10
Leap Year (PG) Fri-Sun 5:15-9:10 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:15
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Sun 7-9:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:50-7:50
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 12:1:35-5:20 Sat 12:1:35 Sun 12:1:35-5:20
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30-5:15 Mon-Thu 1:30-6:10
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 3:10-7-9:15 Sat 7-9:15 Sun 3:10-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:15-7:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Sun 4:25-9:05 Mon-Thu 3:35

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 No Passes Wed 4:15-7-9:50 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-12:30-2:15-3:10-5-6-7:45-8:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:30-2:15-3:10-5-6-7:45-8:45-10:30
Alice In Wonderland: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) No Passes Fri-Sat 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10-11:45 No Passes Sun 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 10:45-2:15-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:30-4:15-8
The Crazies (18A) Fri 2-4:40-7:40-10:40 Sat 7:40-10:40 Sun 4:40-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 2-4:40-7:40-10:25 Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:20-9
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:30-6:50-9:45 Wed 3:50-6:50-9:45 Thu 12:15-3:30-6:50-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sat 12-1-3:20-4:10-6:40-7:30-10-11 Sun-Thu 12-1-3:20-4:10-6:40-7:30-10-10:40
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7:10-10:20
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:50-8-10:50 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:50-8-10:35

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

Alice In Wonderland (STC) Special Engagement Fri 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:25 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:35-1:30-4:25-7:30-10:25 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:25
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) Digital, Special Engagement Fri 1-3:55-7-9:55 Digital, Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:05-1-3:55-7-9:55 Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1-3:55-7-9:55
Avatar (STC) Fri 3:10-7:05-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:10-7:05-10:40 Mon-Thu 3:10-7:05-10:40
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:25-10:50
Cop Out (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:05-1:35-3:40-4:15-7:40-8:10-10:30-11 Special Engagement Sat 10:20-10:50-1:05-1:35-3:40-4:15-7:40-8:10-10:30-11 Special Engagement Sun 10:20-1:05-1:35-3:40-4:15-7:40-8:10-10:30-11 Mon-Thu 1:05-1:35-3:40-4:15-7:40-8:10-10:30-11
The Crazies (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1:20-1:50-4-4:30-7:20-7:55-10:05-10:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:45-11:15-1:20-1:50-4-4:30-7:20-7:55-10:05-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:20-1:50-4-4:30-7:20-7:55-10:05-10:35
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 12:55-4:05-7:50-10:55 Sat-Sun 10:12:55-4:05-7:50-10:55 Mon-Thu 12:55-4:05-7:50-10:55
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:25-4:10-7:35-10:35 Sat-Sun 10:25-1:25-4:10-7:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:35-10:35
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 1:15-4:10-7:35-10:45 Sat-Sun 10:15-1:15-4:10-7:35-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:35-10:45
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 12:30-3:15-3:45-7:10-7:45-10:30-11 Sat-Sun 11:55-12:30-3:15-3:45-7:10-7:45-10:30-11 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:15-3:45-7:10-7:45-10:30-11
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 12:35-1:10-3:35-4:05-7:15-7:50-10:20-10:55 Sat-Sun 10:10-12:35-1:10-3:35-4:05-7:15-7:50-10:20-10:55 Mon-Thu 12:35-1:10-3:35-4:05-7:15-7:50-10:20-10:55
The Wolfman (18A) Fri 1:45-4:20-8:05-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:1:45-4:20-8:05-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:20-8:05-10:40

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri 4:10-6:55-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:55-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 5:7:45-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-10:05
Avatar (STC) Fri 6:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-8
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri 3:55-7:15-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:55-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:40
Cop Out (14A) Fri 4:20-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:20-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-6:35-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Crazies (18A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 3:35-6:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:35-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:20-9:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:55-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:20-6:10 Sat-Sun 12:05-3:05-6:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:10
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 3:25-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:25-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:15-9:05
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 9:10 Mon-Thu 9

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri 4:10-7-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:45
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:15
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 6:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:35
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri 3:55-7:20-10:40 Sat 12:20-3:55-7:20-10:40 Sun 12:20-3:55-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05-10:15
Cop Out (14A) Fri 4-7:05-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:40
The Crazies (18A) Fri 4:45-7:35-10:45 Sat 1:50-4:45-7:35-10:45 Sun 1:50-4:45-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-10:10
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 4:40-7:30-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:45-6:25-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:25-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:10-9
Karthik Calling Karthik (PG) Fri 3:25-6:35-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:40-3:25-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:25-9:15
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 6:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-6:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 6-9:25
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 3:15-6:15-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:50-3:15-6:15-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:20-9:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 3:30-4:25-6:50-7:50-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:10-1-3:30-4:25-6:50-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:20-6:45-7:45-10:05
Sukhmani - Hope for Life (PG) Fri 3:10-6:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-3:10-6:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:15-9:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 4:30-7:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 3:40-6:45-10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:35-9:35
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 10:05 Mon-Thu 9:50

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:40-6:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4-8
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-10:15
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-9:50
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:05
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 7:40-10
Invictus (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:40
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40 Mon-Thu 4:40
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:45-9:30
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:20-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:15

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30
Atithi Tum Kab Jaoge (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-5:30-9
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10:10
Cop Out (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:10-9:50
Crazy Heart (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:55-9:40
Edge of Darkness (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:15
From Paris With Love (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-7:20-9:45
Karthik Calling Karthik (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-10
My Name Is Khan (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-5:15-8:45
Teen Patti (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-5:45-9:15
Tooth Fairy (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:45
Up in the Air (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:30

NORTH

5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sun 9:35 Tue 9:35
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 7:30 Tue 7:30
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 7:35 Tue 7:35
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 9:50 Tue 9:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 7:40 Tue 7:40
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 10:10 Tue 10:10

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri 4:10-7-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:45-10:30
Avatar (STC) Fri 2:30-6:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:30-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 8
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri 3:40-7:10-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:40-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:15
Cop Out (14A) Fri 4-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
The Crazies (18A) Fri 4:20-7:30-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 6:50-9:40 Mon 9:40 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:40
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 2:50-6:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:50-6:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 3:50-7:15-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:50-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 2:40 Sat-Sun 12:2:40
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:50

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:15-7-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:50
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:30
Alice In Wonderland: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) No Passes Fri-Sat 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10-11:45 No Passes Sun 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 11:40-3:15-6:50-10:25 Mon-Tue 12:30-4:15-8 Wed-Thu 12:30-4:20-8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:15
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:40

Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 10:40-1:40-4:40-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:20
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:20-3:50-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:40-9:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:25-9:40
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:30-7:30-10:30
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-1:15-3:30-4:25-6:45-7:40-10:10-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:15-3:30-4:25-6:45-7:40-10:10-10:40
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3-6:10-9 Mon-Thu 12:30-3-6:10-9
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:10-6:20-8:50 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:10-6:20-8:50
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 11:1:45-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:10-10
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:45
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:45-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:45-9:30
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 2-5-8-11 Mon-Thu 2-5-8:10:45

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri 7-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:20-9
Avatar (STC) Fri 7:50 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:55-7:50 Mon-Thu 8
Cop Out (14A) No Passes Fri 6:30-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:45
The Crazies (18A) Fri 7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15
Dear John (PG) Fri 6:20-9 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 6-8:40
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-8:55
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:50
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10
When in Rome (PG) Fri 7:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri 4:50-7:45-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:45
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri 4-7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20
Cop Out (14A) Fri 4:40-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:15
The Crazies (18A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:30-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 7:50-10:10
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:50-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:35
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:15-7:20 Sat-Sun 2-4:15-7:20 Mon-Thu 7:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 3:40-6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:25
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:50 Sat-Sun 12-3:30-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:50
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 3:20-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:20-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Vinnaithandi Varuvaay (PG) Fri 3:10-6:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:45-3:10-6:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 9:45 Mon-Thu 10:05

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2012 (14A) Fri 3-6:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:30-3-6:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:25
3 Idiots (PG) Fri 5:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-5:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-9:10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 2:10-3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-11:45-1:20-2:10-3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10:10 Mon-Wed 3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10:10 Thu 3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-10:10
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:25
The Crazies (18A) Fri 1:30-2:30-4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:12-1:30-2:30-4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:30-2:3-3:30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-11:30-12:45-1:30-2-3:30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:25-10 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:05-4:40-7:25-10 Mon 4:40-7:25-10 Wed-Thu 4:40-7:25-10
An Education (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50
Extraordinary Measures (PG) Fri 1:35-3:55-6:25-9:05 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:35-3:55-6:25-9:05 Mon-Wed 3:55-6:25-9:05 Thu 3:55-6:25
Frozen (STC) Fri 3:10-5:20-7:40-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:55-1-3:10-5:20-7:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40-9:55
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:40
Invictus (PG) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:35-6:35-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:30
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 2:05-3:40-4:40-6:20-7:20-9:15-10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1-2:05-3:40-4:40-6:20-7:20-9:15-10 Mon-Wed 3:40-4:40-6:20-7:20-9:15-10 Thu 3:40-4:40-6:20-7:20-10
Karthik Calling Karthik (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45
Leap Year (PG) Fri 2:15-4:40-7:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-10:15
Legion (14A) Fri 1:30-3:50-6:30-8:55 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:30-3:50-6:30-8:55 Mon-Wed 3:50-6:30-8:55 Thu 3:50-6:30
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:40
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:30-6-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:30-6-9:20 Mon-Thu 6-9:20
Nine (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:55
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 2:40-5:10-7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:15-9:35
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:25-9:05
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri 1:45-4:15-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:40-9:10 Mon-Wed 4:15-6:40-9:10 Thu 4:15-6:40
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:05
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri 3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:05-3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:25-7:45-10:05

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Alice In Wonderland (STC) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:9:20 Mon 4:10-7:9:20 Tue-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:9:20 Mon 1
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:10-9:30
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4-6:40-9:15
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:35
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:25

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18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:9:45
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 5:7:45-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:30
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 6:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:10 Mon 4:15-8 Tue 6:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 4:15-8
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri 3:10-7:20-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:40-3:10-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:10-7:20-10:25
Cop Out (14A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:05 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:05 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:05
The Crazies (18A) Fri 4:50-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:30
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
Dear John (PG) Fri 4:40-7:40-10:20 Sat 1:40-7:40-10:20 Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:20 Mon 3:30-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:20

Leonardo DiCaprio, left, and Ben Kingsley star in Martin Scorsese's thriller Shutter Island.

The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 3:20-6:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:30 Mon-Tue 3:20-6:20-9:30 Wed 3:40-6:20-9:30 Thu 3:20-6:20-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 3-6:50-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:50-3-6:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 3-6:50-10:15
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:30-6:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:10-9:10 Mon 3:30-10:20 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:10-9:10
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri 3:50-6:30 Sat 4:40-6:30 Sun 4:05-6:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:30
The Wolfman (18A) Fri 9:10 Sat-Thu 9:20

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8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:30
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 2:15-6:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-8
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-4-7:30-10:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:05-10:15
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:30-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:20
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-8-10:40 Mon-Thu 4-7:15-10:05
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Dear John (PG) Fri 12:20-3:30-6:40 Sat 12:20-6:40 Sun 4-6:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Last Train Home (STC) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:50-6:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:05-6:10-9:35
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 6-9:20 Fri-Sun 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:30-9:55
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20 Mon-Thu 3:20
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 12-3-6:20 Sat 3-7:15 Sun 12-3-6:20 Mon-Thu 3-6:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50
The Wolfman (18A) Fri 9:10 Sat 10:05 Sun-Thu 9:10

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GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
1175 Maple Ave., 905-864-1666

Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 7:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10
Avatar (STC) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 11:55-4:10-8 Mon-Thu 8
Cop Out (14A) Fri 7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:45-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:55
The Crazies (18A) Fri 7:05-10:05 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:05-10:05
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 7:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Sat-Sun 11:50-2:35
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:35

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:05-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:40-10:20
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10
Avatar (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 8
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:55-7:15-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:30
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 7:15-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:35-7:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:25
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:55
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:40
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

SILVERCITY OAKVILLE
3531 Wyecroft Road, 905 827-7173

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:40-10:20 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10
Brooklyn's Finest (STC) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:25-7:10:30 Mon-Thu 7:10:30
Cop Out (14A) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:10-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore (STC) Sat 1 Sat 1
Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010 - Live Action & Animation Double Feature (STC) Sun 12
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 12-3:30-6:45-9:55 Sat-Sun 3:30-6:45-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:55 Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40 Fri-Sat 7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30

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2081 Winston Park Dr., Oakville, 905-829-2009

Alice In Wonderland (STC) Special Engagement Fri 12:45-3:30-6-8:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sat 10-12:45-3:30-6-8:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sun 10-12:45-3:30-6-8:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:45-3:30-6-8:30
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) Special Engagement Fri 12-1:30-2:30-4:15-5:15-7-8:9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:45-12-1:30-2:30-4:15-5:15-7-8-9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12-1:30-2:30-4:15-5:15-7-8-9:45-10:45
Atithi Tum Kab Jaoge (STC) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:35-9:50
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 1:25-4:15-7:10-10:05 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:25-4:15-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:10-10:05
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:15-10:10 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:40-4:20-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:15-10:10
Cop Out (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12:05-12:35-2:35-3:05-5:5-45-7:35-8:15-10:15-11 Special Engagement Sat 10-12:05-12:35-2:35-3:05-5:5-45-7:35-8:15-10:15-11 Special Engagement Sun 10-12:05-12:35-2:35-3:05-5:5-45-7:35-8:15-10:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 12:05-12:35-2:35-3:05-5:5-45-7:35-8:15-10:15-10:45
The Crazies (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1:20-2:15-4:4:50-6:45-7:30-9:15-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:55-11:30-1:20-2:15-4:4:50-6:45-7:30-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 1:20-2:15-4:4:50-6:45-7:30-9:15-10
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:35-4:10-7:9:40 Sat-Sun 11:35-4:10-7:9:40 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:10-7:9:40
An Education (PG) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:05-4:40-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:05-9:40
Karthik Calling Karthik (PG) Fri 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:35 Sat-Sun 10:25-1:35-4:35-7:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:35
Leap Year (PG) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:10-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:50
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:50-6:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:50-6:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:50-6:25-9:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 12:50-1:25-3:40-4:25-6:30-7:15-9:20-10:05 Sat-Sun 10:35-12:50-1:25-3:40-4:25-6:30-7:15-9:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 12:50-1:25-3:40-4:25-6:30-7:15-9:20-10:05
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 2-4:45-7:25-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:10-2-4:45-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:25-10:10
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:25 Sat-Sun 10:15-1:10-4:20-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:25
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 12:10-1:15-3:15-4:30-6:20-7:30-9:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 10:10-12:10-1:15-3:15-4:30-6:20-7:30-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:10-1:15-3:15-4:30-6:20-7:30-9:30-10:30
When in Rome (PG) Fri 12:20-2:40-4:55-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 10:05-12:20-2:40-4:55-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 12:20-2:40-4:55-7:10-9:35
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:30-8:05-10:40

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AJAX
248 Kingston Rd. E, 905-426-7772

Alice In Wonderland (STC) No Passes Fri 7:30-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:15-7:30-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Alice In Wonderland 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 7-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:40
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1. Soldier of Love, Sade; 2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 3. American VI: Ain't No Grave, Johnny Cash; 4. The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas; 5. The Fame, Lady Gaga. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Concert Picks

Mexican acoustic duo Rodrigo Y Gabriela play the Phoenix Friday.

Jesse Cook
Massey Hall (178 Victoria St.) Friday, 8 p.m.

• Want to cleanse the palette of all the rock and R&B? Your ship has come in. Juno Award-winning guitar virtuoso Jesse Cook brings his unique blend of rumba flamenco and vallenato (a lesser-known Colombian sub-genre) to Massey Hall in support of last year's acclaimed release The Rumba Foundation. One can assume Cook learned a trick or two from family friend Nicolas Reyes (lead singer of the Gipsy Kings), so be prepared for some Latin-style passion. Paella, though delicious, will not be served.

Rodrigo Y Gabriela
Phoenix Concert Theatre (410 Sherbourne St.), Friday, 7:30 p.m.

• You can't escape the Latino heat this weekend! The charismatic Mexican guitar duo of Rodrigo Sanchez and Gabriela Quintero made their bones — if you can believe it — busking in Dublin pubs, where they gained a loyal cult following. A healthy mix of folk, Latin and acoustic sounds await you, with a Led Zeppelin and Metallica-flavoured edge to boot. After all, they have to stay true to their beginning days as thrash-metal headbangers.

God Made Me Funky
Lee's Palace (529 Bloor St. W.) Saturday, 11:30 p.m.

• Don't mourn the loss of Lee's famous mural so much that you would stop yourself from seeing a decent show. The self-proclaimed Toronto Independent Music Award-winning "nu-funktonians" return home from the West Coast (where they had booked three gigs at the Olympics) for their lauded mélange of old- and new-school funk. Picture, if you will, the test-tube baby of James Brown, Prince, Jamiroquai, Afrika Bambataa and more.

Panic Bomber
Supermarket (268 Augusta Ave.) Friday, 8 p.m.

• The University of Miami music grad Richard Haig takes his electro-trance brainchild north from the sunshine-y confines of his hometown to preview the upcoming EP Discipline. Expect some tech-house pop with some indie and punk rock roots, with a little bit of improv (not the stage kind) mixed in. They love Panic Bomber in Britain, no good reason why we shouldn't too.

Unfamiliar Records 5th Anniversary Party
Cryptic Canvas (8 Waterloo St.), Friday, 9 p.m.

• A not-so-secret party unfolds at this hidden away gallery, showcasing the record label's 5th anniversary (which nowadays is not an easy feat to mark). In attendance will be Vancouver's Makeout Videotape, RatTail, Stop Die Resuscitate, The Two Koreas and DJ Mikey Apples. $5 at the door. Details: areyoufamiliar.com.

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Little Boots, big shoes

Dance pop songstress follows in Lady Gaga's footsteps

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

North America hasn't exactly been friendly to the dance pop genre in the last decade unless there has been a fresh-faced teen front and centre to exploit. Last year, Lady Gaga became the exception to the rule, and now there's plenty of room on the charts for her to share.

Trying to crack this continent's fickle market has sent many defeated would-be pop stars back to Europe, a place where slick, synthesized pop has always been welcomed with open arms.

But if you ask Victoria Hesketh, a.k.a. Little Boots, what she thinks of her chances making it in America, she seems unfazed by the looming challenge.

"I'm not sure I will fit in with North American music," she admits. "But I think that with Gaga and Katy Perry breaking through it does seem that maybe America is getting more into pop so maybe it will work for me."

If Little Boots sounds confident that's because she knows the tide is turning. With Gaga's aforementioned success still growing and the rise of burgeoning stars like La Roux and Lights, the moment is now for her to shine.

On her debut album, Hands, Little Boots has found the perfect amalgam of dance pop's colourful history, touching on disco, '80s synth-pop and artists like Kylie Minogue and Goldfrapp, while building an identity of her own with the help of producers like Hot Chip's Joe Goddard and Gaga's guru RedOne.

Hesketh sees the recent wave of female solo artists playing synths to be both harmful and helpful to her career.

"It's kind of annoying because I think all of the girls the press puts together are very different and that's what's exciting about it," she says. "They can run all of these stories about girls in nice frocks playing keyboards. But I understand why they do it and I'm sure we've all gotten a lot more attention because of it."

Having previously fronted an indie band called Dead Disco and found buzz for Little Boots through indie-favouring blogs, Hesketh has already tasted pop stardom in the U.K. She's now hungry for more.

"I think being a solo artist really suits me and I never really cared about signing with an indie label or anything," she says. "I'm not into being an indie artist. I really just like pop music and see myself as more of a pop songwriter. On the album, I just really wrote what I felt was right to me."

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1. I Believe (Official CTV Olympic Song Enhanced), Nikki Yanofsky, right; 2. Recollection, K.D. Lang; 3. American VI: Ain't No Grave, Johnny Cash; 4. Soldier Of Love, Sade. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Toronto answered punk's call

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

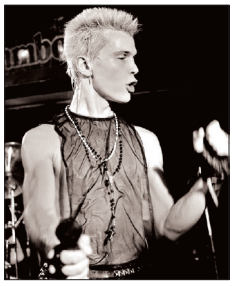
Toronto has some bragging rights it rarely exploits.

Believe it or not, in the mid-to-late '70s, punk bands loved Toronto. While few homegrown acts found international success at the time though, the city's support and interest in the overall scene ensured some of its essential international players prevailed; garnered attention outside of their own urban centres. In short, Hogtown was a keystone in the formation of punk rock.

Thanks to photographer Simon White however, this historical neglect is poised to change. His forthcoming exhibit dubbed Toronto Calling: Photographs of the British New Wave as it happened in Toronto 1979-1981 runs from opened this week and runs until April 1 at the Steamwhistle Brewery (255 Bremner Blvd.) and features some of the city's most authentic musical moments finally being given the attention they deserve.

"(Toronto Calling) is basically a lot of photographs of the punk scene because a lot of bands were coming up from New York or over from England but they were playing in these small clubs," White says about his array of oversized shots depicting the likes of The Clash, The Ramones, Johnny Rotten, U2, The Specials and more at a time when they were starving unknowns striving for recognition.

"It was happening three or four nights a week. You'd wander down to clubs and see The Police or The B-52s for five bucks. This show intends to display the feeling of the bands and atmosphere happening at the time."



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The Toronto Calling exhibit features shots of the Clash, clockwise from top left, at The Rex, The Ramones at the Danforth Music Hall, U2 at the El Mocambo and Billy Idol also at the El Mocambo.

Introduced to punk rock at 16 by an older brother, after hearing The Sex Pistols, White recalls tossing his previous collection and delving headfirst into the fledgling activity. Capturing every band he could, White had little expectation of his hobby's magnitude, only realizing its cultural impact some three decades later.

"My son saw the photos and said that other people might be into this," he shrugs, pondering the belated exhibition. "Why did I wait so long? I have no idea. I just felt that the time is right now. (Back then), I felt (punk) was the leading edge of what was to come but I didn't expect to see the success that these people ended up achieving."

Still, while Toronto Calling finally pays overdue tribute to T.O.'s role in punk's roots, White admits that his time clicking away from centre stage is long gone. He hopes such an exhibit will inspire the next generation of more agile photographers to document current moments in the city's ongoing musical legacy.

"The excitement and flare of the day inspired me to bring my camera and capture the images I was seeing. I don't quite feel the same way about the music these days. It's for the kids now. It gives them excitement and makes them feel alive which is great. That's what this type of music is supposed to do."

Toronto Calling

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Defending Nickelback

SoundCheck

So the pickle won. Good for the pickle. To recap: Last month, there was a Facebook campaign spearheaded by someone named Coral Anne to see if a lowly, anonymous dill could attract more Facebook friends than Nickelback.

The "Can this pickle get more fans than Nickleback (sic)?" crusade became something of an Internet sensation and blew past Nickelback's 1.4 million friends in rather short order. Everyone from Rolling Stone to U.K. newspapers picked up on the story.

Given the nature of Internet memes and the hate so many people seem to have for Nickelback, the pickle's victory wasn't much of a surprise. But before lest lovers of cured cucumbers get too smug over their victory, remember this: We will always need bands like Nickelback. And here's why.

First, Nickelback sells more records than just about any other rock band these days. The Dark Horse album has sold 420,000 copies in Canada and another 2.6 million in the U.S. Overall, they've sold 2.5 million records in Canada, 20 million in America and 30 million worldwide. They gross in the region of $100 million in concert ticket sales each year. In other words, it's pretty clear that someone must like them.

Second, consider the economic spinoff. In U.S., Nickelback is signed to Roadrunner, a label that specializes mainly in heavy music — metal, especially.

If you're a fan of metal — Rob Zombie, CKY, Killswitch Engage, Airbourne, Trivium — you have Roadrunner to thank. Great groups with solid cred with metal fans, but none of them sell records in tremendous numbers. Therefore, their careers — their very existence — needs to be subsidized by the profits generated by the few big bands on Roadrunner that consistently turn a profit. This includes Slipknot, Megadeth — and Nickelback.

This means that metal fans should want Nickelback to sell as many records as possible so that Roadrunner can help keep bands like Cradle of Filth, Opeth and Hatebreed in business.

"We will always need bands like Nickelback. And here's why."

There's also an important Canadian connection here. Are you a fan of Billy Talent and Alexisonfire? Want them to do well in America? Then root for Nickelback because both bands are signed to Roadrunner in the U.S. Nickelback profits are being used to support both bands in their quest for continent-wide success.

This doesn't mean you have to like Nickelback. But they do play an important part in the whole ecosystem of metal.

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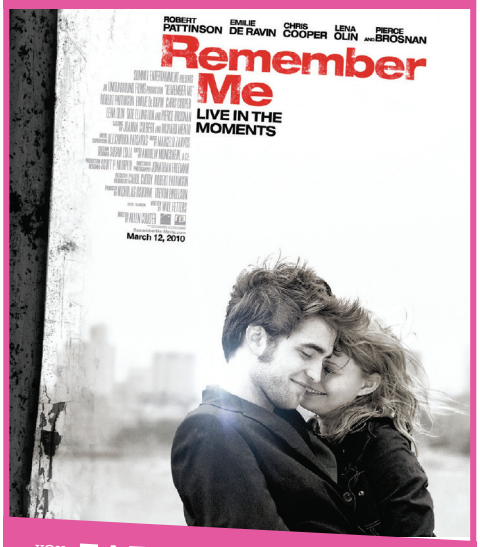

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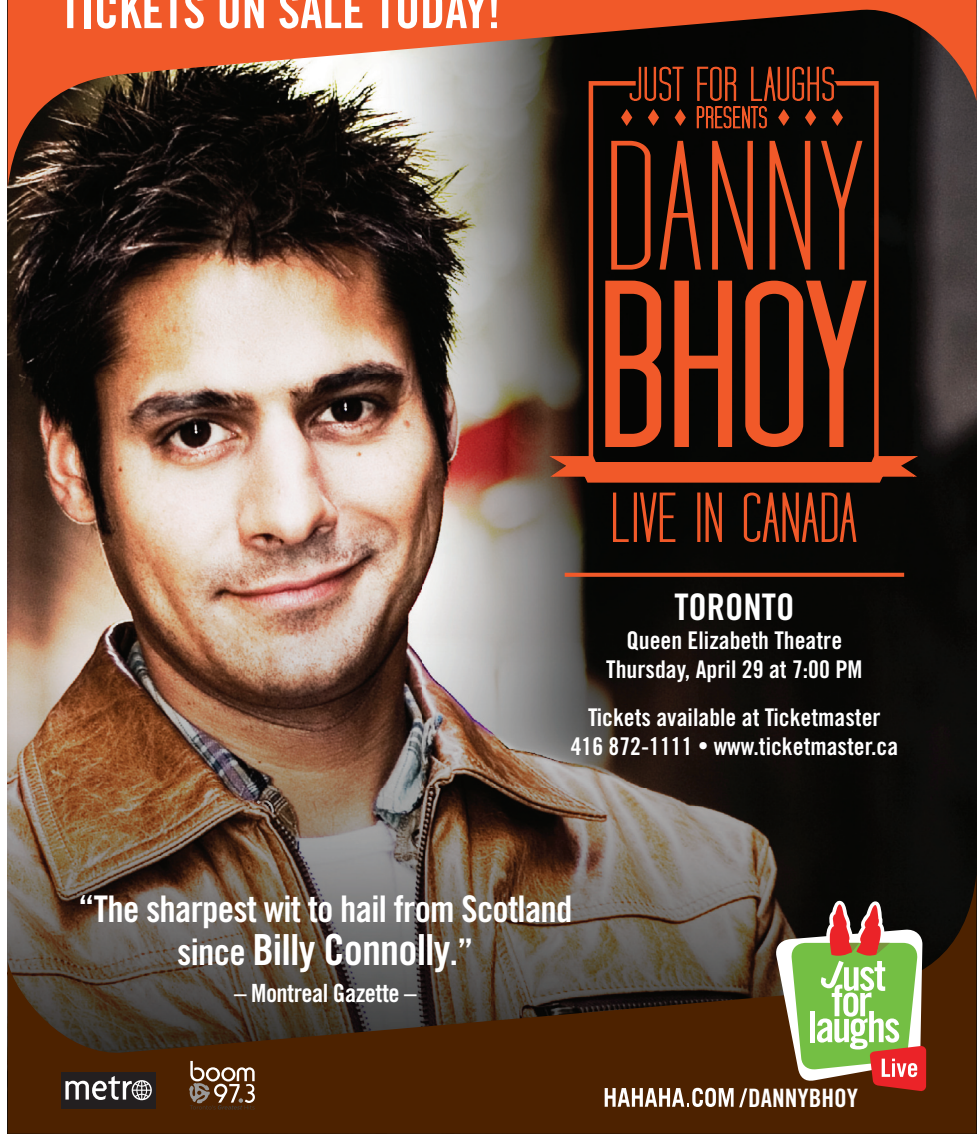

the hot ticket

by Enza Anderson

Enza brings Metro readers the weekly scoop on Toronto's hottest parties and events.

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Canadian Opera Company president elect Philip Deck and television broadcast producer Kimberley Bozak.

Guest Lucy Tregubenko.

YOUNG URBAN professionals hit a high note at the Canadian Opera Company's annual Operanation 6, Habanera at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts. The four-hour long cocktail reception featured Latin-inspired entertainment and luxury filled silent auction items. The opera loving affair also played host to a pre-party VIP dinner that included the opera world's movers and shakers. Bravo!

LEFT: Mezzo-soprano Lauren Segal

General director of the Canadian Opera Company Alexander Neef and wife Eloïse Neef.

Canadian Opera company event manager Sarah Jarvis.

Operanztion committee co-chairs, from left, Ingrid Chao, Fayaz Dossa and Rosemarie Umetsu.

The national Theatre of the World company, from left, Ron Pederson, Matt Baram and Naomi Snieckus.

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Lowe's new role

Rob Lowe will join the cast of Parks and Recreation starting with the second-to-last episode of the season as a "powerful person entering our world from the outside," executive producer Michael Schur told Fancast. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

New series bands together

Band of Brothers producers take on WWII in The Pacific

The United States' National World War II Museum rolled out the red carpet this week for Tom Hanks and the stars of a new HBO miniseries set during that war.

Hanks is an executive producer of The Pacific, a 10-part miniseries that follows three U.S. Marines fighting in the Pacific Theater during the Second World War.

Hanks joined the miniseries' stars — James Badge Dale, Jon Seda and Joe Mazzello — for a screening of the first episode at the city's convention centre, followed by a reception at the New Orleans museum.

Hanks also teamed up with The Pacific executive producers Steven Spielberg and Gary Goetzman on HBO's Band of Brothers, a 2001 miniseries set in Europe during the Second World War.

The Pacific, which debuts on HBO on March 14, depicts some of the war's bloodiest battles, including Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Dale, Seda and Mazzello each play real-life men who fought in the Pacific campaign.

"There are three main characters that we follow, so therefore we got to be even more personal than we were in Band of Brothers," Hanks said while on the red carpet inside the convention centre.

"So in a weird way by focusing on less characters by number, we were able to expand the scope."

The Pacific airs on HBO March 14

Before the 10-month shoot started in Australia, the cast endured a grueling 10-day "boot camp" under the direction of Dale Dye, an actor and military advisor whose screen credits include Saving Private Ryan.

They also met with relatives of the men they portrayed and veterans who fought in the battles portrayed in the miniseries.

"These are the guys we're doing it for," said Dale, who plays the late Robert Leckie.

"This is their story. These are the men who have been there."

AP PHOTO/CHERYL GERBER

Tom Hanks, executive producer, talks to reporters at the red carpet premiere of the new HBO miniseries The Pacific in New Orleans, Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

Mazzello, who plays the late Eugene Sledge, said his grandfather fought in the Pacific, and died during the miniseries' filming.

"Before he died, he got to know that I was going to be doing this and I was going to be honouring men like him," he said.

"We're just trying to keep in line with what they started, which was to honour all the men on both sides, from the Pacific to Europe, and honour all the men who sacrificed," he said.

Sid Phillips, 85, of Mobile, Alabama, who is portrayed by Ashton Holmes in the miniseries, was 17 years old when he fought on Guadalcanal.

He said he was struck by how the miniseries captured what he remembers about the war, including the density and wetness of the jungle.

"War movies are never accurate to war veterans but I think this is maybe the best one I've seen so far," Phillips said.

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Last Oscar special will be my best, Walters says

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Barbara Walters

INTERVIEWS Barbara Walters says her last Oscars television special will be her best.

Walters will sit down with actresses Sandra Bullock and Mo'Nique, both nominated for Academy Awards. Bullock is up for Best Actress for The Blind Side, and Mo'Nique is nominated for Best Supporting Actress for Precious.

Walters said she believes both will win.

By bidding adieu, Walters is ending a 29-year-old tradition of talking to celebrities on Hollywood's biggest night. It wasn't until 1988, though, that she began interviewing nominees.

"For the first seven years we were not allowed to interview any of the nominees because the (Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences) thought it would interfere with their Oscar special," Walters said.

While Walters, 80, is known for getting stars to open up and often tear up on camera, she says the celebrity interview has become less special in recent years and many stars are overexposed.

Just because Walters is stopping her Oscars special doesn't mean she's done with TV.

"I am not retiring!" she insists. "I will still be doing the 10 most fascinating people, I will still be on The View, which I love. I will still be doing pieces for ABC News."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto cop inspires drama

In the new cop series The Bridge, debuting Friday on CTV and CBS, Aaron Douglas plays a tough police officer turned union head battling top brass and an "old boys' network" as he cleans up the force.

Though the storylines are inspired by the insights of outspoken former Toronto police union head Craig Bromell, the events and characters are purely fictional, he insists.

"My life with the union is very well documented — it's in the public, there's no way around it — so I wanted ... a fictional side to this primarily because it's an international story," Bromell, an executive producer and adviser on the show, said in a recent interview.

The Bridge airs Friday, 9 p.m. on CTV

"That's what I was trying to get out more than anything is: 'Yeah, I've lived a certain situation, I was quite prominent in law enforcement in this country, but these stories could happen anywhere.'"

Bromell became president of the Toronto Police Association in 1997 at age 37, after a lengthy career on the force. He left his post in 2003 and went on to do a radio show in the city.

The series title is inspired by a bridge that separates two Toronto neighbourhoods — one wealthy and one low-income — that Bromell's unit patrolled when he was an officer.

Aaron Douglas, a Vancouver native, signed on as the lead, Frank Leo, right after the conclusion of his last series, the heralded sci-fi drama Battlestar Galactica.

He said he was drawn to the script because it shows the "real gritty, grimy stuff" in law enforcement.

"So many of the cop shows are that real glorious, glamorous: cops run in and save the day and the bad guys lose.

The police force in the 13-part series isn't set in a particular city.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/5/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Feast India	Feast India	Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat "The Open Door"		A. Gregg	Film 101 (N)	Agenda
	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	X-Weighted "Daniel"		Shark Tank (N)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two Men	The Office	Omni News: Italian Edition		Vivere V	Omni News:	Law & Order: Intent		Look I Cook
	210	302	6	CBC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Who Do You		Supernanny (N)		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		News
	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N)		The Bridge Frank organizes a walkout strike. (N)				CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*In the Heat of the Night* ★★★★ (1967, Crime Drama)				*The Untouchables* ★★★★ (1987, Crime Drama)				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Entertainment	The Insider	Who Do You		Dateline NBC A woman works to free her husband.				News
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Supernanny (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	*Captive Hearts* ★★ (1987, Romance) Pat Morita.				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy	Two Men	House (HDTV PA)		Kitchen Nightmares		Seinfeld	Two Men	Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	NewsHour	Summer Wine	*The Madness of King George* (1994, Historical Drama)				Pictur Poetry	Washington	Business Rpt.
news	500	500	33	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22	net	OHL Hockey Barrie Colts at Ottawa 67's. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Hockey
	400	400	30	TSN	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Toronto Raptors.					SportsCentre		Hockey	SportsCentre
family	551	542	25	YTV	*Hairspray* ★★★ (2007, Musical Comedy) John Travolta.					*Grease* ★★★ (1978, Musical) John Travolta.			
	554	544	45	TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	*Superman: Brainiac Attacks* (2006, Action)		
	556	540	51	FAM	Sonny	*Free Style* (2009, Drama) Corbin Bleu.			*Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off* (2003)				*Willy Wonka & Chocolate*
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal
	575	583	38	CMT	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	Jim	Jim	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Hair Videos
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Tell Me No Lies* (2007, Suspense) Kelly Rutherford.				Kenny vs.	Kenny	Trailer Park
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House/Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: SVU		Seinfeld	Name Is Earl	*Trading*
	581	566	52	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	MTV Live	Cribs	The Real World		16 and Pregnant		1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	Wild Chef	Chef Abroad	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners	Diners	Ramsay
	300	601	301	M1	*Promotion*	(7:25) *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* (2009)			*Observe and Report* (2009, Comedy)		The Pacific		*Dead Snow*

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/6/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Kangaroo Kaos		*Secrets & Lies* ★★★ (1996, Drama) Timothy Spall. (DVS)					Interviews	*The Nephew*
	211	331	3	GTV	Focus	Jane Show	*A Woman's Rage* (2008, Suspense) Brandy Ledford.				Love-Death	G-Spot	News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Yak Bulo	Russian Waves		Childhood Denied (N)		Outcast
	210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Ottawa Senators. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Canadiens at Kings		
	214	344	7	CITY	Cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*Butterfly on a Wheel* (2007, Suspense) (DVS)				Crusoe
	212	313	8	CTV	W5 (N) (DVS)		Law & Order (HDTV)		The Bridge (DVS)				CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*A Little Princess* ★★★★ (1995, Drama) Eleanor Bron.				*The Hours* ★★★ (2002, Drama) Meryl Streep.				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	NCIS "Power Down"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	(6) Kids Escaping Drugs Telethon Scott Levin, Victoria Hong and James Lofton host.								
	-	386	18	ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	20/20 (HDTV)		Oprah Winfrey		Castle (HDTV)		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*Marion Bridge* ★★★ (2002, Drama) (DVS)				Stargate Atlantis		A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Kitchen	Simpsons	Wanda Sykes
	-	388	61	PBS	More Funny Ladies		Lark Rise to Candleford		(9:15) Lark Rise to Candleford			More Funny Ladies	
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder" Genocide.				Newsroom		Presents
sports	405	417	22	net	English Premier League Soccer Arsenal vs. Burnley.				Snowboarding		Pokerstars		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	(6:30) Curling 2010 Tim Hortons Brier, Draw 2. From Halifax.					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Dog Show
family	551	542	25	YTV	iCarly	iCarly	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45	TEL	*Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace* ★★ (1999, Science Fiction)						Chicken	Futurama	King of Hill
	556	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Michael* ★★★ (1996, Drama)			(10:45) *Vegas Vacation*	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38	CMT	Cross Canada Countdown		UnStable	UnStable	Hottest Women of Country		Taylor Swift: One on One		The Show
	616	521	39	SHO	Slings and Arrows		*Lava Storm* (2008, Suspense) (HDTV) Valérie Valois.				*I Am Legend* (2007, Science Fiction)		
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*The Patriot* ★★★ (2000, War) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson.						*The Patriot*
	581	566	52	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	Sex News
	603	561	56	FOOD	Glutton	Chef Abroad	River Cott		Chopped "In a Pinch"		Top Chef Masters		Heli's Kitchen
	300	601	301	M1	*Imagine That* ★★ (2009, Comedy) Eddie Murphy.				*Ghosts of Girlfriends Past* (2009, Romance-Comedy)				*Afterwards*

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/7/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Monarchy		Child Genius 2		*Mrs. Mandela* (2010, Docudrama)			The View From Here	
	211	331	3	GTV	Walters Spcl		Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	King of Hill	King of Hill	News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Outcast		The Rekhai Brothers		A Man for All Canadians		Metropia	Metropia	Corpo E Alma
	210	302	6	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		*Marple: They Do It With Mirrors* (2009, Mystery)				CBC News: The National		Doc Zone
	214	344	7	CITY	Survivorman (DVS)		Man Tracker (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Hot Toxic Love		Crusoe
	212	313	8	CTV	The Amazing Race 16		Oscars Red		The 82nd Annual Academy Awards Honors for achievements in film.				
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Dances With Wolves* ★★★★ (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell, Graham Greene.								News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Undercover Boss		Cold Case "Soul"		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Dateline NBC			*Bad Boys II* ★★ (2003, Action) Martin Lawrence, Jordi Mollà.					News
	-	386	18	ABC	Walters Spcl		Oscars Red		The 82nd Annual Academy Awards Honors for achievements in film.				
	219	346	20	ACH-B	TMZ (N)		Gossip Girl		Undercover Boss		Nip/Tuck		A News
	-	-	28	FOX	'Til Death (N)	'Til Death (N)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61	PBS	The Welk Stars: Through the Years				The Legendary Bing Crosby			Best-Daniel O'Donnell	
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
sports	405	417	22	net	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Philadelphia Flyers. (HDTV) (Live)					Sportsnet	Skiing: Freestyle		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	(6:30) Curling 2010 Tim Hortons Brier, Draw 5. From Halifax.					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Dog Show
family	551	542	25	YTV	(6:30) *Hairspray* ★★★ (2007, Musical Comedy)				Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45	TEL	Stoked	Total Drama	Majority	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	Tripping-Rift
	556	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Richie Rich* ★★ (1994, Comedy)			(10:34) *Lost & Found* ★	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Dog	Bounty	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator
	575	583	38	CMT	Country Music Awards		UnStable	UnStable	UnStable	UnStable	UnStable	UnStable	Star Crossed
	616	521	39	SHO	Cra$h & Burn "Trust"		*Ogre* (2008, Fantasy) John Schneider.				Damages (HDTV) (N)		Cra$h & Burn
	294	529	47	TBS	*300* ★★★ (2007, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey.					*The Devil's Advocate* ★★ (1997, Suspense), Al Pacino			
	581	566	52	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	Peak Season	MTV Live	Cribs	Cribs	1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56	FOOD	Challenge		Jamie's Chef		Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant
	300	601	301	M1	*High School Musical 3: Senior Year* ★★ (2008)				*The Taking of Pelham 123* ★★ (2009, Action)				*How to Rob*

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Lundstrom opens consulting company

Fashion designer Linda Lundstrom has bid adieu to her eponymous fashion brand as she embarks on a new career path. The longtime Canadian designer has launched Linda Lundstrom Works, a new consulting company. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going Out

Mix of Six

Power of Movement

When: Sunday
Where: Ryerson University - Kerr Hall Upper Gym

On Sunday thousands of Canadians will do yoga to raise funds for critical arthritis research at Power of Movement 2010. A yoga "mega-sessions" will take place at 11 a.m. powerofmovement.ca.

Toronto Sketch Comedy: Festival's Best of the Fest Encore Show

When: Friday, 10 p.m.
Where: 51 Mercer

The Second City presents Cleveland-based Last Call Cleveland, and Toronto duos Haircut (pictured) and Accidental Company, will all perform with no regard for medals. $12. torontosketchfest.com.

DanceWorks Shared Program

When: Friday to Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: Enwave Theatre

It's Denise Fujiwara's 32nd year in dance and she's still going strong, now with "Lost & Found," a 30-minute solo performance. $28/$18 students, seniors. danceworks.ca.

The Artist Project

When: Friday to Monday
Where: Queen Elizabeth Building, 200 Princes' Blvd.

With over 175 contemporary artists displaying and selling their works, you might have to dip into that savings account. 416-960-3680. $8-$12. Visit theartistprojecttoronto.com.

Alkaline Trio

When: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Phoenix Concert Theatre, 410 Sherbourne

In partnership with Epitaph, Chicago-based Alkaline Trio recently formed Heart & Skull, a venture freeing them from their previous label troubles. With that freedom came This Addiction, an album that marks a return to their early work, both in terms of its punk-rock sounds and minimal production. Tickets: $23.50.

Surfer Blood

When: Saturday
Where: Sneady Dee's

The best power-pop might match its sweetness, but rarely does it have the unbridled joy that emanates from every pore of giddy Florida foursome Surfer Blood. With Pitchfork kudos for their new album Astro Coast rocketing them around the blogosphere, catch them now while you don't have to bring binoculars to the gig to see them smile. With Turbo Fruits, Ten Kens. $10.

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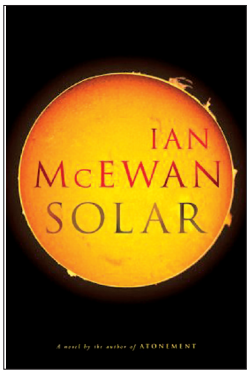
Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Solar by Ian McEwan

BOOK In his latest work, the Booker Prize-winning author finds some uncharacteristic comic relief in the serious subject of climate change. The novel revolves around a philandering physicist who by a remarkable turn of events gets to salvage both his own life and the world.



2 82nd Annual Academy Awards

SHOW This year's Academy Awards is shaping up to be a battle between James Cameron's Avatar and Kathryn Bigelow's The Hurt Locker. The whole producer-email affair is not helping the indie film's cause but the backstage drama will make for a nailbiting show. The Oscars airs Sunday on CTV at 8 p.m. E.T.

3 Plastic Beach: Gorillaz

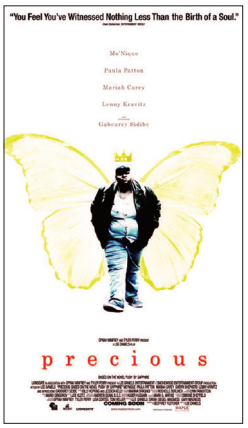
ALBUM Damon Albarn may be a Blur to most North Americans, but his cartoon alter-egos have been making mega hits this side of the Atlantic over the past decade. The animated band returns with its third album — an irreverent meditation on our environmental follies. Lead single Stylo, with a video featuring Bruce Willis, is already a web smash. Rest of the album sounds great too.

4 Alice in Wonderland

FILM Feed your head (and imagination) this week with Hollywood oddball Tim Burton's version of Lewis Carroll's classic tale. Alice is a sprightly teen in this 3-D take and, as we all know by now, Johnny Depp plays The Mad Hatter. Avoid the call of the rabbit hole on your own peril.

5 Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire

DVD A young, illiterate and obese black girl's harrowing journey through abusive home life has picked up plenty of awards and accolades over the last few months. Gabourey Sidibe is spectacular as the titular teen but the much-maligned Mo'nique is a revelation as her mom from hell. Expect an Oscar for her on Sunday.



6 This Too Shall Pass: OK Go

VIDEO Here they go again. After breaking into the world of viral videos and music four years ago, the Chicago-based band is back with another piece of catchy tune-and-filmmaking. This time, they hired engineers to build a huge Rube Goldberg machine whose continuous action syncs with the song. Watch it at youtube.com/watch?v=qybUFnY7Y8w

7 Battlefield: Bad Company 2

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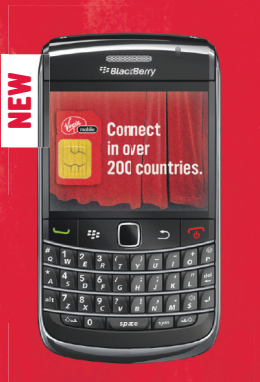

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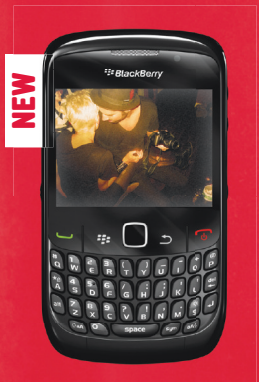

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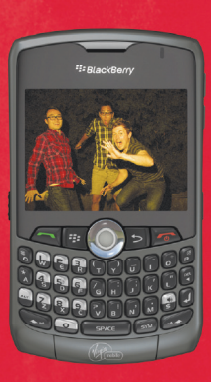

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Clipse take no offence

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada

Don't expect The Clipse to battle Jay-Z anytime soon.

The Virginia-based rap duo isn't losing sleep over some lyrics on Jay-Z's last album that seem to be aimed their way.

"I don't get my panties in a bunch," Malice of the group says, discussing the track Thank You off The Blueprint 3. The lines in question seem to slyly reference The Clipse and their latest album, Til the Casket Drops.

But again, they're not sweating it. "I'm a Jay-Z fan," Malice says. "So I'm not worrying about any of that speculation that's not positive. We've been on tour with Jay-Z. He was gracious enough to have us go overseas with him. I don't take anything personal from it."

And even if Mr. Knowles-Carter was really trying to diss The Clipse, Malice can empathize.

"Sometimes you just come up with a great line and it doesn't matter at whose expense," he says. "It's just a great line."

Clipse is currently touring and working on a new album.

Malice and his brother Pusha T know a thing or two about those. The group rose to prominence for using sharp wordplay to detail the drug-hustling life over hard Neptunes beats. They're currently coming up with their own latest great lines for a few new projects, including their fourth album (they've already hit the studio with Raekwon, Young Jeezy and Travis Barker), a mixtape, even a book. Malice's upcoming autobiography, Wretched, Pitiful, Poor, Blind and Naked, will describe the impact his rap career has had on the lives of his friends and family.

"I think it's an eye opener for anybody who aspires to get into this game, how it takes a strong mind and focus," he says. "You need to really question your motives as to why you want to be in this industry."

"Sometimes you just come up with a great line and it doesn't matter at whose expense. It's just a great line."
Malice

As for The Clipse, satisfying fans is their main priority. That much is clear from the way Malice talks about their performances.

"We're very passionate about our shows," he says. "When I see that fan's face, you know, singing along with me, and his eyes closing and his hands in the air, I'm like 'yeah I remember I felt like that when I wrote it!'

"So it's just a one-on-one connection with our fans. We owe it to them because they spoke for us when we didn't have a voice. They kept us relevant. So our show is where we just try to give it all back."

In concert

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An invitation to cheat

Dana Delany is so well-regarded over at ABC that network prez Steve McPherson is inviting her to cheat on Desperate Housewives by starring in Body of Evidence, an pilot that would almost certainly take her away from Wisteria Lane. EW.COM

Organic, interactive art

Lakeshore Arts launches 1000 Acts of Art program

JOHN KEILLOR
for Metro Canada

The internet connects people worldwide, but it can also reinforce community spirit. Lakeshore Arts is proving this on Monday by launching their new site, 1000 Acts of Art.

This site for South Etobicoke promotes art at both ends. Artists and art lovers will participate equally, building local cultural awareness in cyberspace.

According to Lakeshore Arts executive director Susan Nagy, the site is designed to expand further as the concept catches on.

"We want to promote local art and design by creating a directory, but that's just the start," explains Nagy. "Artists can upload their work and information about showings and performances. Everyone in the online community can comment. It's going to be an organic, interactive process."

Online, residents can critique what they saw, heard or read. Art lovers can also contribute through listing what pieces of art.

They can catalogue how much art they've experienced, and challenge others to bump up their intake, too. Nagy freely admits Lakeshore Arts doesn't know of every artist in town. Or every art fan, for that matter. The site's community arts calendar will be one way to get more people meeting and talking about who's who and what's going on.

One of the first gigs viewers will notice online is Lakeshore pianist Frank Horvat's Earth Hour concert, to be held March 27. The show will be held in total darkness, in keeping with the worldwide Earth Hour event.

"It's great we have a platform for local shows now, and for arts-types to be more organized here, instead of everyone looking for their art experiences in the big city," Horvat said.

Kick-Off Party

- Launch & Kick-Off Party Monday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at The Big Guy's Little Coffee Shop (2861 Lake Shore Blvd)
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Saint-Laurent Boulevard

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Mont-Royal Park

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Celebrity Buzz

Putting away the clubs

AND BRINGING ON THE HUGS Elin Nordegren has reportedly called a truce with Tiger Woods and has agreed to move back into their Florida home, according to Radar Online. Since Woods' philandering went public, Nordegren has been renting another house nearby. The embattled couple were spotted reconciling at Woods' house recently.

"They were in the backyard," a source tells the website. "Tiger kissed Elin on the cheek three times and they hugged."

Also, Woods' caddie claims he's "mad" at his boss — and wants everyone to know that he didn't have a damn thing to do with Tiger's cheating ways, TMZ.com reports.

Steve Williams — Wood's caddie for 11 years — told New Zealand's 60 Minutes that the scandal has "been the most difficult time of my life, no two ways about it, because every single person believed that I should know or did know or had something to do with it."

Williams added, "I knew nothing, that's my answer. I don't have to clarify or extend that answer, I knew nothing."

In fact, Williams claims he would have blown the whistle had he known what Woods was up to. Williams told the show that he's still furious with Tiger, saying, "Of course I'm mad at him, why would you not be? I'm close with his wife and he's got two lovely children."

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Bet he'd like to cut her wire

TOPIC OF CONVERSATION: HOW AWESOME AVATAR IS Jessica Simpson was spotted chatting with The Hurt Locker star Jeremy Renner during a cocktail party for his movie at the L.A. home of Madonna's manager Guy Oseary, people.com reports.

Simpson, who lives next door, arrived with hairdresser Ken Paves. But she spent most of her time with the Oscar nominee.

"Jeremy spent the night hitting on Jessica like crazy," the source says. "They were really flirting up a storm."

Paves encouraged the two and, the source says, "Jessica loved it!"

When the party was over, the two exchanged numbers, entering them into their phones, adds the website.

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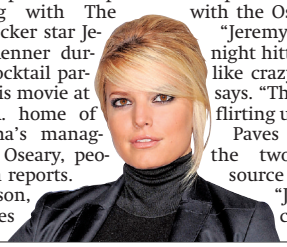

It is a movie about blue people afterall

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I MEAN, HE MUST HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR Who knew that James Cameron was such a good sport?

The Avatar director says that he has no problem with skits poking fun at his kinda-sorta-successful movie this year at the Oscars, despite a story yesterday claiming Oscar producers yanked a Sacha Baron Cohen skit out of fear of upsetting Cameron.

"If they want to poke fun at Avatar Sunday, that's OK by me," Cameron told E! Online.

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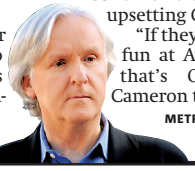

Airing your dirty laundry

STEP ONE TO GAINING THE TRUST OF YOUR CHILD Michael Lohan isn't thrilled with the things daughter Lindsay Lohan has been saying about him in the press.

The actress recently told OK! Magazine her dad is "nuts" and "crying out for help and attention," but Michael says that's not the case.

"Is being concerned for your child and doing all you can, first privately, then publicly, nuts?" Michael asked Hollyscoop.

"Anyone and everyone who knows me knows I am far from nuts. As a matter of fact, I am considered quite the opposite."

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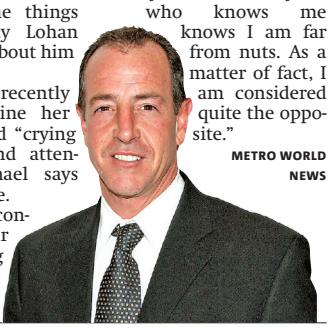

McSteamy to McDaddy

LET'S HOPE HE'S BETTER THAN THE ONE ABOVE HIM Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane and Rebecca Gayheart are now the proud parents of a baby girl, after the actress gave birth in Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon, according to Hollyscoop.

"They're both over the moon about it," a source says.

Dane recently talked about welcoming a daughter, saying, "It just makes sense that I'm having a girl. I don't know what it is, but I am excited it's a girl."

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A man with a mission

A SPOT BESIDE ONE ÜBER-COOL SIBLING Leonardo DiCaprio knew exactly where he wanted to sit during a recent night at Teddy's inside the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel — at deejay Samantha Ronson's table.

The actor sported his baseball cap, low over his eyes, and grabbed a seat in between three ladies.

The Shutter Island star was handed drinks and acted very chatty as female clubgoers snapped his picture with their camera phones, people.com reports.

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@joejonas Happy Birthday Daniel Craig. Thank you for 41 years of you being you.

@MindyKaling um, there's a secret 5-star restaurant at Disney above Pirates of the Caribbean where you can drink? @iamdiddy did you know about this?

@jk_rowling This is the real me, but you won't be hearing from me often I am afraid, as pen and paper is my priority at the moment.

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One hairy situation

NO RAZOR BURN Oscar nominee Mo'Nique is happy being hairy. After she showed off her unshaven legs at the Golden Globes, the actress says she has no plans to change her grooming habits, usmagazine.com reports. "I tried shaving one time, and it was so uncomfortable and painful," she says. "I said never again would I do that to myself. I'm 42, and I'm very hairy."

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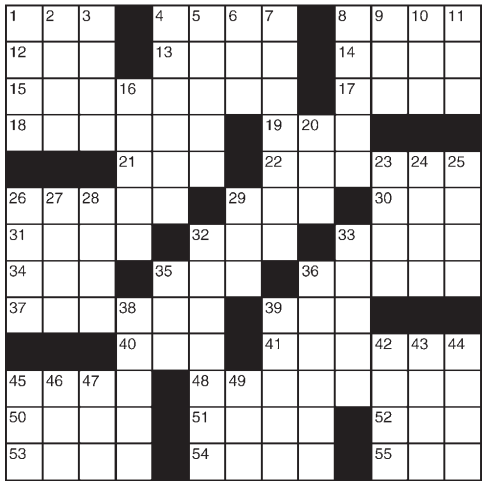

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Miss Piggy's pronoun
4 Second-year student
8 Entreat
12 Rowing need
13 Actress Spelling
14 Obey reveille
15 Unreservedly
17 "My bad"
18 Soda shoppe treat
19 Chick's mama
21 On in years
22 Stymie
26 Leaves out
29 Proscribe
30 Peculiar
31 Bart's sister
32 Director's cry
33 Disposition
34 Barn resident
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37 Cravat accessory
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40 "I" trouble
41 Consecrate with oil
45 Stretched to the limit
48 Trivial funds
50 Winnow
51 "Do — others ..."
52 Upper bound
53 Tactic
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DOWN

1 Takes blades to blades
2 Honolulu's home
3 Unyielding
4 Plagiarizes
5 Reacted to fireworks
6 Expert
7 Snobbish
8 Tine
9 "Flying Down to —"
10 Venomous viper
11 "Undeniably"
16 Parkinson's medication
20 Many millennia
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Hot and Spicy Pepper, Rice and Beans

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 red pepper, chopped
2 large garlic cloves, crushed
1 red chili pepper, seeded and chopped
5 oz (150 g) chorizo, or spicy cured sausage, cubed
1 1/3 cups (325 ml) basmati rice, rinsed
14 oz (398 ml) can coconut milk
2 1/2 cups (600 ml) boiling chicken stock
2 sprigs of fresh thyme, plus extra to garnish
1 bay leaf
14 oz (398 ml) can black-eyed peas, drained

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large, heavy-based pot, and cook onion, pepper, garlic and chili pepper 5 minutes or until just softened.
2. Add cubed sausage, then rice, and stir-fry 1-2 minutes. Pour in coconut milk and stock. Season and bring to boil. Stir in herbs, then cover and simmer 10 minutes.
3. Stir in beans and cook 5 minutes or until rice is tender and beans heated through. Serve, sprinkled with little thyme. **SERVES 4**

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The Sun in Pisces is not the easiest of influences to deal with, especially as it makes you believe there is something strange going on.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Your prospects will improve dramatically early next week. Before then you must make it your No. 1 aim to rid your life of anything that no longer fits.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You seem to believe that something of vital importance is about to be taken away from you.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Make the most of cosmic activity in your fellow Water sign of Pisces to get things done. It does not matter what you do so long as you do something.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may be in need of a rest but you are unlikely to get it – there is far too much going on in your immediate environment.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Everything happens for a reason, so don't waste time wondering why a certain situation worked out the way it did, just make the best of it.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
As a cardinal sign you no doubt have high expectations of yourself, but sometimes it is better to sit back and let fate take its course rather than try too hard.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may be amused by a friend's antics but don't let it show. Others may not see the funny side.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You know something good is going to happen but you want it to happen now, not later. Try to be patient.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
There is no need to disguise your feelings or pretend to be something you are not. Express yourself openly over the next 24 hours.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you keep your eyes and ears open today you will discover something that benefits you in ways you can hardly imagine.

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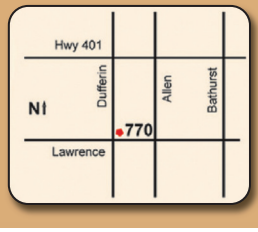

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